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JEWS KILL BRITISH SOLDIER

Squads In Battle-Dress Raid Arab Village

King To Broadcast At Xmas

This Christmas, as in previous years, King George VI will broadcast a Christmas message to his people at home and overseas.

This will come as a climax to the B.B.C.'s "Round-The-World" programme on Christmas Day, which this year will be called "Men of Goodwill—the Reunion of Christmas."

The title conveys the spirit of this year's programme, in which men and women in many countries, united once more at Christmas and forgetting for a moment the troubles of the world will exchange radio greetings.

"Men of Goodwill" will be introduced by one of England's greatest actors, Sir Laurence Olivier.

The producers will be Laurence Gilliam and Leonard Cottrell, and the music will be played by the London Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Muir Mathieson.

Bedouin Guerilla Bands Planned

Jerusalem, Dec. 20.

A British soldier and an Arab boy were killed during a night of shooting and explosions in No Man's Land adjacent to Tel Aviv and in Jerusalem, it was announced today.

The soldier was shot at 4 a.m. by Haganah riflemen who mistook him for an Arab as he neared their lines in the pre-dawn dimness. Explosions rocked No Man's Land during the night and extensive searches were started with the arrival of daylight.

The Arab boy was attempting to loot in the ruins of the Jerusalem commercial center which was destroyed by arson a fortnight ago when he stepped on a booby trap.

British engineers, fearing more booby-traps, destroyed the building with dynamite.

Meanwhile, a "large party of Jews" in battle-dress and khaki attacked the village of Qazaza near Bethovet, early today, an official announcement said.

They killed one Arab and wounding another in a three-hour assault.

In Cairo, the general consensus of a communique issued by the Arab states on Wednesday is re-

ported to be a plan to aid the volunteer guerilla bands upon which many Arabs rely to create such havoc in Palestine that the UNO will back down on partition.

The Wednesday communique, issued after a long conference of the heads of the seven Arab states, promised a fight to a finish against the decision to split the Holy Land.

The volunteer bands will be composed mainly of Palestinians, but under the reported plan the Arab governments would permit volunteers to join them freely and would help them get arms and equipment.

Between attacks on Jewish settlements and convoys, the guerillas may be expected to pull back into neighboring Syria for rest and refitting.

Regular Arab armies, by the plan, will continue to guard the borders of the Holy Land pending the British withdrawal of troops.

About that time, another meeting of Arab representatives from Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Transjordan and Yemen probably will be held to decide what to do next.

Accusation

In Jerusalem, condemning the killing of ten Arabs, including five children, in a northern Palestine village, as "sheer butchery," Dr. Hussein Khalidi, Secretary of the Arab Higher Executive Committee said tonight:

"If the Jews start this type of warfare they will have to bear the consequences."

The killing of the Arabs—in the mountain village of Khisas—was admitted today by Haganah.

Dr. Khalidi added: "Up till now the Arabs have not killed women and children."—United Press and Router.

CHINESE REDS TEN MILES FROM MUKDEN

Nanking, Dec. 20.

Dispatches from Mukden today said the Manchurian capital was partially blacked out due to power failure and was cut off from all contact with the outside world except by air as Communists hampered to within ten miles of the city.

The Hsin Min Pao said prices in Mukden are soaring as a result of the cutting off of the city's food and coal supplies.—United Press.

CIGARETTE BLAMED FOR UNION JACK CLUB FIRE

A lighted cigarette-end is believed to have caused a fire which gutted the ground floor of the Servicemen's Union Jack Club on Queen's Road East before dawn yesterday.

Quick action on the part of the Fire Brigade in rushing five fire-engines to deal with the outbreak saved the three-story building from being razed.

A dance was held at the Club during the night.

A discarded cigarette-end, either thrown carelessly on the floor or accidentally falling from an ash-tray, is believed to have set off the fire after the function had ended.

Furious Blaze

The Central Fire Brigade received the alarm at 3.50 a.m. On arrival, Deputy Chief Officer C.W. Brand, Station Officer C.W. Brown, and Divisional Officer J. J. J. found the ground floor of the club, with its lounge and recreational rooms,

control within an hour. Besides gutting the ground floor, the fire caused extensive damage to the upper floor, which was used as a restaurant.

The ground floor had housed a lounge and recreational rooms.

2 Killed, 7 Hurt When Derelict Shell Explodes

Two cowboys were killed and seven seriously injured in the New Territories on Friday when a shell, which they had found in the underground, exploded.

Two of the injured are in critical condition in the Kowloon Hospital.

The shell, believed to be a Japanese incendiary, was found by the cowboys in the underground.



Famous American theatrical impresario and restaurateur, Earl Carroll and Mrs. Carroll, arrived in Hong Kong by Pan-American Clipper yesterday. They were accompanied by Mr. Carroll's producer, Mr. Beryl Williams.

VIET NAM DECLARES:

French Have Massed Troops For Cochin-China Push

Saigon, Dec. 20.

French forces in Indo-China have concentrated about 20,000 troops in a plain bordering the Cochin-China province of Thua-Ninh, generally well-informed Viet Nam (Indo-Chinese Nationalist) sources said yesterday.

Ch. Minh came in on a plan to give the Vietnamese "independence" within the framework of the French Union.—Router and United Press.

The French military authorities yesterday declined to comment on the report.

Friday was the anniversary of the outbreak last year of simultaneous fighting in Hanoi, Tourane, Hue, Vinh and other major cities in Tonkin and Annam.

The French have now "liberated" most Vietnamese captured cities. But, rebel leader Ho Chi Minh's forces still dominate the countryside, where the French can move only in armed convoys.

Following "scare" rumours that the Vietnamese would intensify their fighting to mark the anniversary, the Saigon police tightened their controls in the city.

However, some quarters reported that there might still be peaceful settlement of the conflict, based on the nationalist desires of the Vietnamese.

These quarters say the French are prepared to make sufficient concessions to bring the former Emperor Bao Dai from exile in Hongkong.

After that, they believe, Ho

PACIFIC STORM PUTS FIVE SHIPS IN PERIL

Honolulu, Dec. 20.

A North Pacific storm, blowing out of the Aleutians, placed at least three ships in new peril today.

High seas, which have buckled deck-plates, stove in hatches and jammed rudders, battered the 7100-ton James F. Harrel, the 10,000-ton Army tanker, El Caney, and the 130-ton Army cargo ship B-66.

The Harrel radioed it had three hatches stove in water in the hold, and a wet and swelling cargo of maize. Its position was about 420 miles southwest of Adak on the Aleutians.

About 800 miles from Midway, the El Caney was under low and right on the rim of the storm.

The Weather

The half-moon is now about over the Aleutians and continuing to move west and south.

Pressure has fallen over Alaska and is now low over the Aleutians.

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XMAS DAY AND THE TROOPS

Reports from units of the British Army stationed in Hong Kong show that the entertainment officers have organised Christmas celebrations on the usual large scale.

THE BUFFS

On Monday evening a Christmas Concert will be given by officers and other ranks of the battalion entitled "Stanley Christmas Show."

On Wednesday, Dec. 24 a football match between the Officers and Sergeants will be played on the Battalion's ground, commencing at 11 a.m. In the evening a Table Tennis Tournament will take place in the NAAFI Canteen, at 8.30 p.m.

Christmas Day: 8.30 a.m. Special Xmas Breakfast: 11.30 a.m. OC Judges Xmas decorations in dining hall: 1 p.m. Xmas Dinner: 5 p.m. Tea: 6.30 p.m. Christmas Party in the NAAFI—games, sing song etc. On Boxing Day a full programme of football matches has been arranged. In the evening a Social and Dance will be held for other ranks.

FORCES MAINTENANCE AREA SHAMSHUI

Over at the Ordinance Depot the men have decorated the dining hall and the various installations.

There will be a special Christmas breakfast which will be served to the men by the officers and senior NCOs. Dinner will be served by officers and senior NCOs.

During Christmas morning a number of football matches have been arranged—both comic and "serious"—for officers and other ranks.

On Dec. 30 a social evening and dance will be held in the sergeants' mess.

BRITISH MILITARY JOSEPHINE

Here the staff have decorated the wards with the usual Christmas decorations. Over the Christmas period special cinema shows will be shown to the patients and for the staff there will be a "Smokers' Concert" on Dec. 30.

HONG KONG SIG. SQUADRON
Special Christmas Dinner for the men. A number of football matches will be held over the Christmas period—comic and otherwise. On Boxing night a Christmas Social will be held for the other ranks.

H.Q. LAND FORCES
Here the home of the "pen and ink" soldiers, various forms of entertainment have been arranged.

On Christmas morning a fancy dress football match between the ATS and other ranks will take place on the Happy Valley Ground.

Also a football match between Officers and Other Ranks on the Sooklapoo Ground, at 10.30 a.m. The WOs and Sgt. meet the Officers of "D" Mess on Christmas morning in a football match.

A special Christmas Dinner for the ATS and other ranks of the HQ will be held in the Other Ranks dining hall. On Boxing night a social evening will be held in the Sgt. Mess.

INNISIES

Special Christmas Dinner for the men. A number of football matches have been arranged over the Xmas period.

A social evening will be held in the NAAFI on Xmas night and also on Boxing night.

One of the unluckiest units in the British Army will be the First Devon. This battalion is embarking on the Strathclyde and will be spending Xmas at sea.

All units the officers and senior NCOs will serve the Christmas dinner to the other ranks in the Army tradition.

They Kept The Flags Flying



Flag sellers for Hong Kong's War Memorial Fund reaped a rich harvest yesterday.

From early dawn these energetic voluntary workers were on the streets.

By noon their trays were nearly empty—mute testimony to the public's response to the Governor's appeal for a cause which is near to the heart of everyone in Hong Kong.

The total collected during the day has not yet been announced.—China Mail Photo.

Gurkhas To Return To H.K.

Plans for the arrival of Gurkha units in Hong Kong are now under consideration.

It is not possible at present to give details of what Gurkha units are likely to be stationed here, nor whether they will be relieving British units.

A further statement will be made by Headquarters Land Forces if and when arrangements now under discussion become firm.

The G.O.C. will give a press conference, which will include reference to the arrival of Gurkha units in the Colony, at an early date.

ART DISPLAY

An art exhibition is being held at St. Francis Hotel for four days as from tomorrow by Mr. Tong Man-shui, member of the Yan Man Arts Society.

N.Z. PLANE CRASHES ON LUZON

Clark Field, Dec. 20. A 18th Air Force B-17, circling the wreckage of a Royal New Zealand Air Force courier plane on the east coast of Luzon near Dilalangan, radioed this morning that all 12 passengers of the crash-landed plane "appear safe."

It was later reported that all twelve of the crew had been rescued.

U.S. Army and Navy planes joined in a major rescue effort after receiving word yesterday evening that the two-engined C-47 transport plane had been forced to belly-land on the beach of Baler Bay.

The C-47, flying from Naha airfield at Okinawa toward Clark Field on a projected Japan-Australia run—crash-landed in the sparsely-populated Quenson province at about six p.m. yesterday.

Aid Arrives

A B-17 of the Second Emergency Rescue Squadron radioed before 8 a.m. that it had located the wreckage and that a Navy Catalina (PBV) was landing at Baler Bay.

It also said a small Army L-5 carrying medical supplies was preparing to land on the beach. The C-47 carried seven passengers and five crewmen. The B-17 apparently saw them all near the wreckage.—United Press.

Reminders

Today

Y's Men's Xmas Party, Shun Kwong Girls' School, Leighton Hill Road, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Xmas Carol Service, Hop Yat Church, Bonham Road, 7.30 p.m.

Carol Concert by H.K. University Christian Association, Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium, 9.15 p.m.

Chinese Ink & Water Colour Drawings & Calligraphy, St. Francis Hotel, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

H.K. Magic Circle, meeting, Cosmo Club, 8.30 p.m.

Reading of "The Christmas Carol"—Dickens, at European YMCA, 8 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church, Factual Evensong, 6.30 p.m.

Letters From Readers

CLUB FIRE

Sir—It is with great regret that Service personnel learned of the fire which gutted the Union Jack Club. As one who often enjoyed its amenities, I feel sure that the great majority of sailors and soldiers, merchant seamen etc. echo my sentiments and feel genuinely grieved.

We too often take such places for granted, and it is not until we lose them that we realize how much the loss really is. So many of us are for some time to come going to miss the comfort and warmth of the lounge, its magazines and periodicals, the radio and library, dances, whist drives and concerts.

It is not only a loss to the Services. There are the girls of the W.V.S. who have done and are still doing splendid work. More especially this Xmas season with its festivities and decorations.

With the fire went a great deal of hard work which culminated in the dance, a few hours before the outbreak. This dance was a great success, thanks to the W.V.S. without whom I sometimes wonder what we would do.

I for one, would like to assure them that their efforts have not been in vain, and will surely not go unrewarded. I am certain that others far more than perhaps we realize, do appreciate what has been done in the past, and feel deeply sorry that such a tragedy should overtake their work particularly during this season of the year.

A WELL-WISHER.

FANLING GOLF

Sir—Your "Golf" Correspondent "W.D." in Tuesday's issue of your esteemed paper, bemoans the lack of young men using the Hong Kong Golf Club.

RECORDED CONCERT

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong at 8.30 p.m. today. The programme will include: "The Bartered Bride" Overture—Smetana, Symphonies No. 2 in D Minor—Dvorak, Concerto in A Minor for piano and orchestra—Grieg, Symphony No. 4 in A Major (The Italian)—Mendelssohn.

Tightening Up On Fluorescent Light

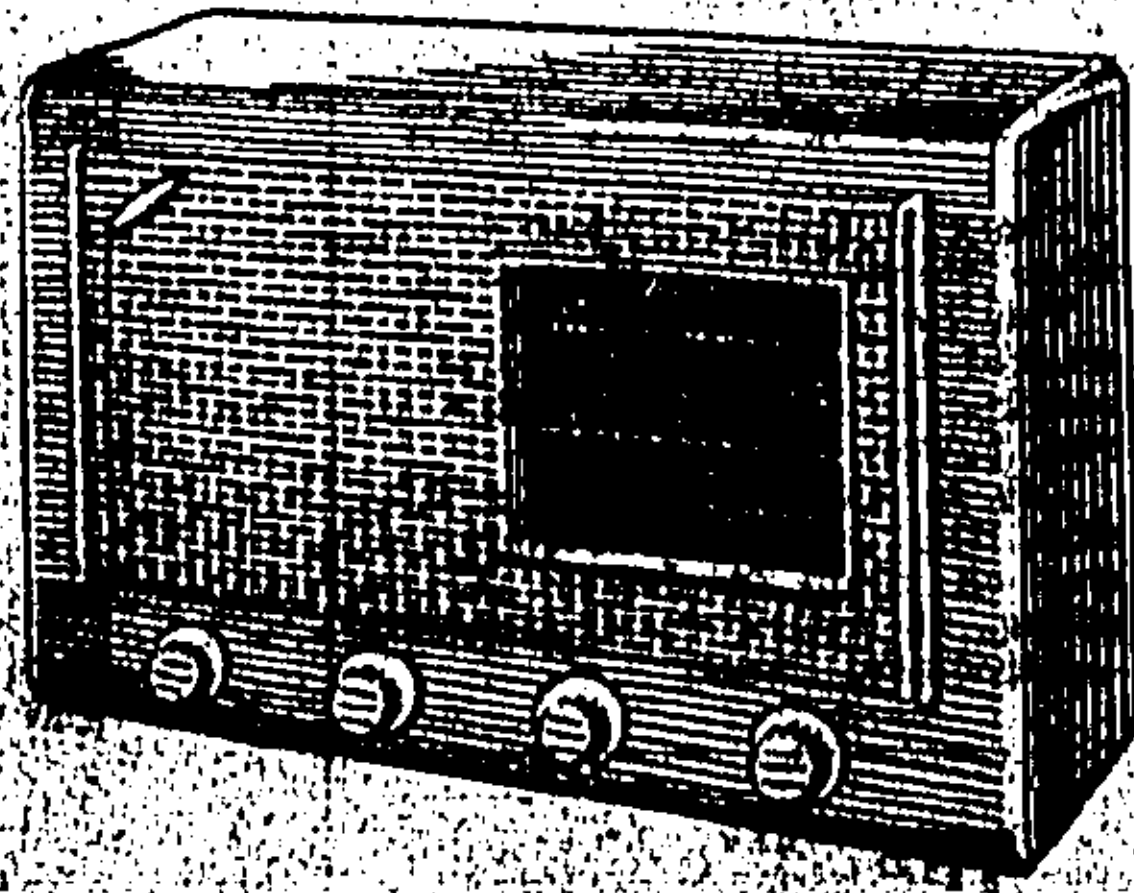
By next September all electricity consumers will have to install energy-saving condenser, otherwise they will be liable to a 10 per cent increase in their electricity bills.

The electricity power company is urging consumers to install a condenser, which will save up to 10 per cent of their electricity bills. The condenser is a small device which is installed in the main supply line to the consumer's premises. It works by reducing the voltage drop in the supply line, which in turn reduces the power loss in the line.

The regulation has not yet been enforced, but it is expected to be in force by next September.

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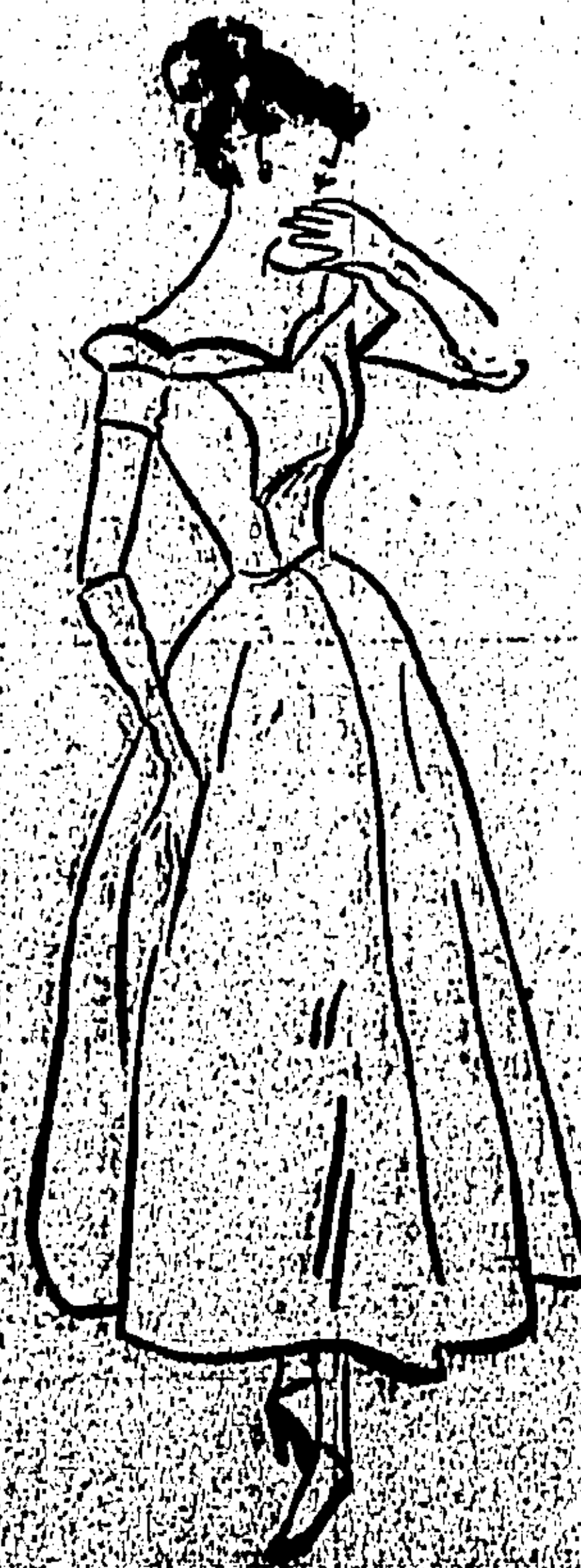
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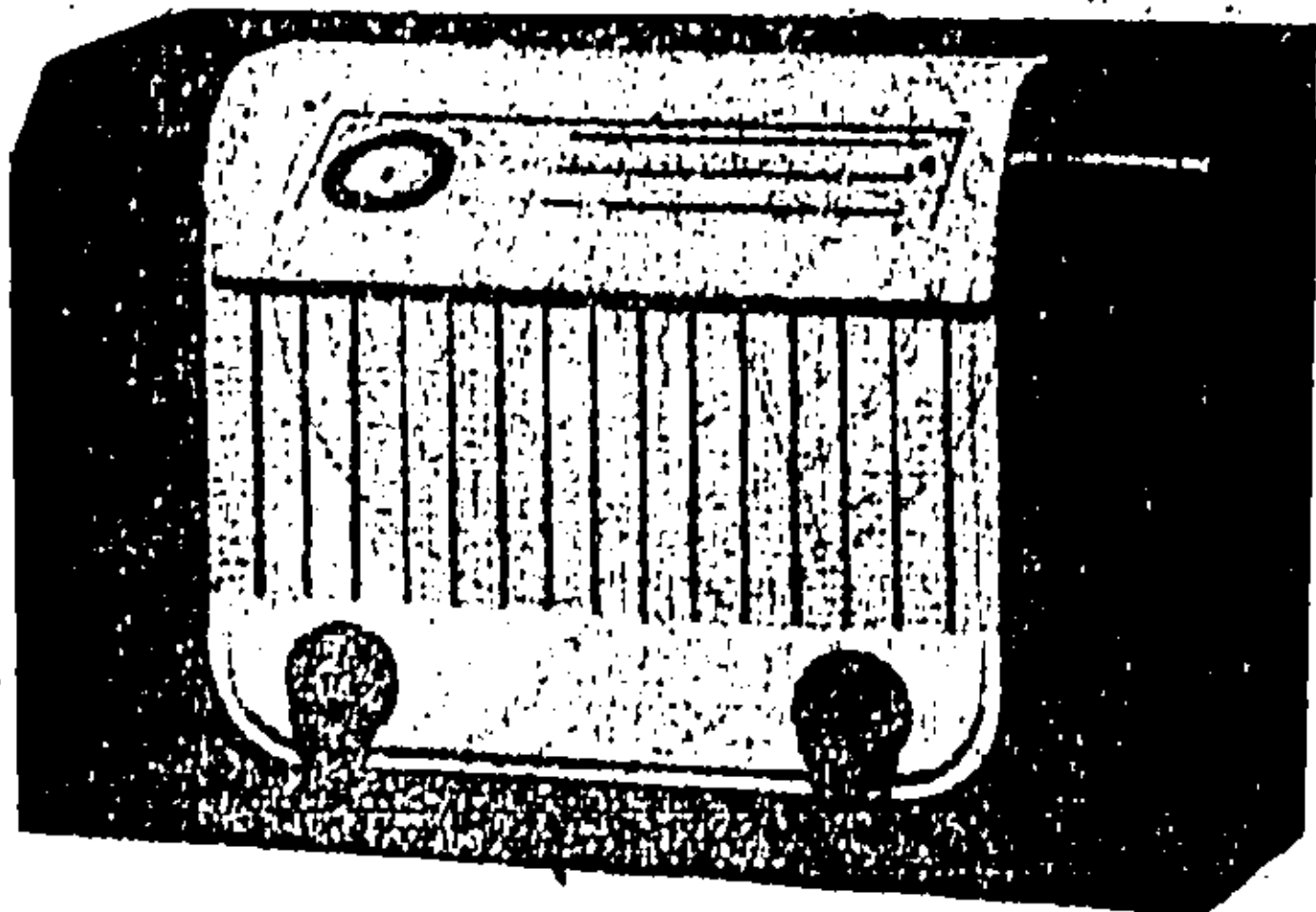
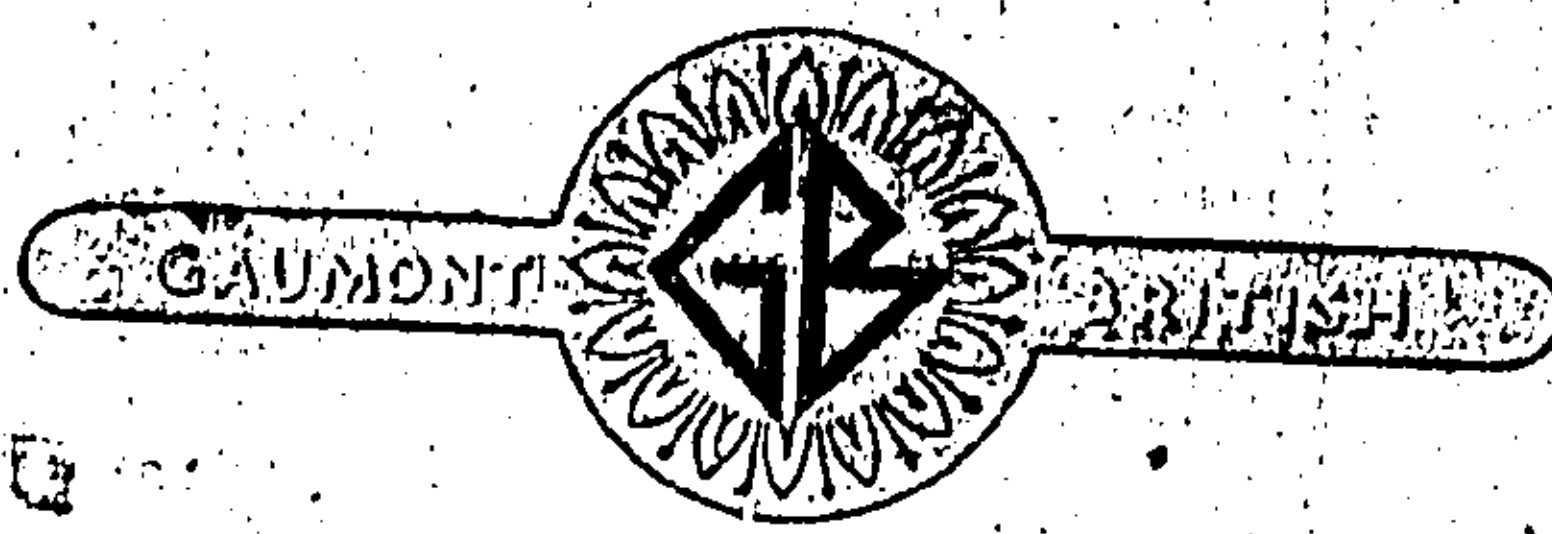
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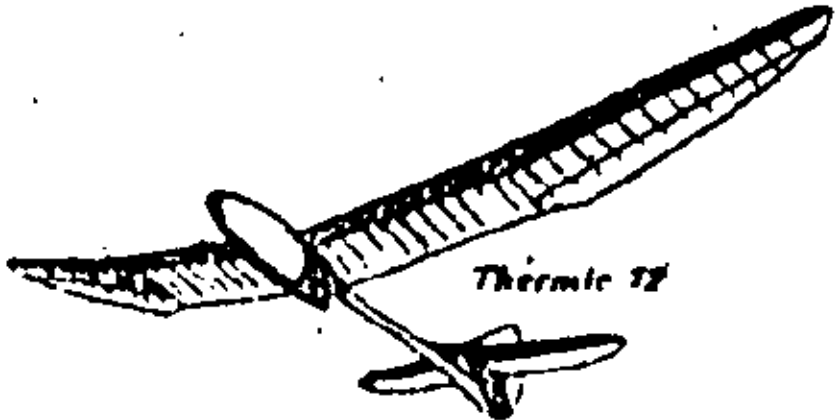
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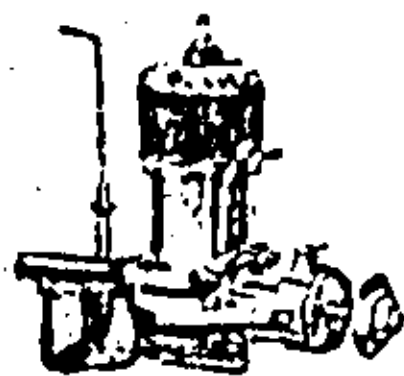
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4 TRIAD MEMBERS GAOLED

"Being a member of an unlawful society is the most serious offence in this colony," Mr. Conklin told five members of the "Yu Tong Triad Society" when he banished them for life at Central Magistracy yesterday.

So Kam, alias Fat Chai-kam, was sentenced to two years; So Yau 21 months; Mo Hung Wai, who had a previous conviction, two years; Lau Chi-piu, an ex-member of the Five Brigade, and Wang Wah Chung, each 15 months.

"If you put your feet on Hong Kong soil, you'll be sent to prison for a very long time," the Magistrate told them. "You're nothing but a gang of bullies extorting money from people who try to earn their living peacefully. This society is most contemptible."

Defendants were convicted on charges of demanding money with menaces and being members of an unlawful society. They were discharged on a charge of intimidation.

Known To Police

Inspector Willerton told the Court that first and second defendants were known to the police and that third defendant was charged previously.

He added that the three were known to have been causing trouble along the waterfront in preventing others carrying own baggage.

At Kowloon

Arrested at Nathan Road on Dec. 18, Lam Chai alias Lam Yuen, 21, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for being a member of the Chuen Kung On Triad Society.

Det. Sub-Inspector C. Pope said that defendant admitted having joined the Society a month ago, paying an entrance fee of \$15.50.

He had a previous conviction in Dec. 1946 for larceny.

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APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments etc. were gazetted yesterday:—Lt. Comd. P. J. Stoner, R.N., relinquished his appointments as a member of the Port Executive Committee.

Mr. W.F. Watson to be an Assistant Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

Mr. T.R. Rowell resumed duty as Director of Education.

Mr. M.N. Oxford to act as Director of Air Services.

MARGARINE

Margarine has been added to the list of prohibited exports, while firewood has been deleted from the list, under an Order gazetted yesterday.

Bitter Attack By Judd On "Christian General"

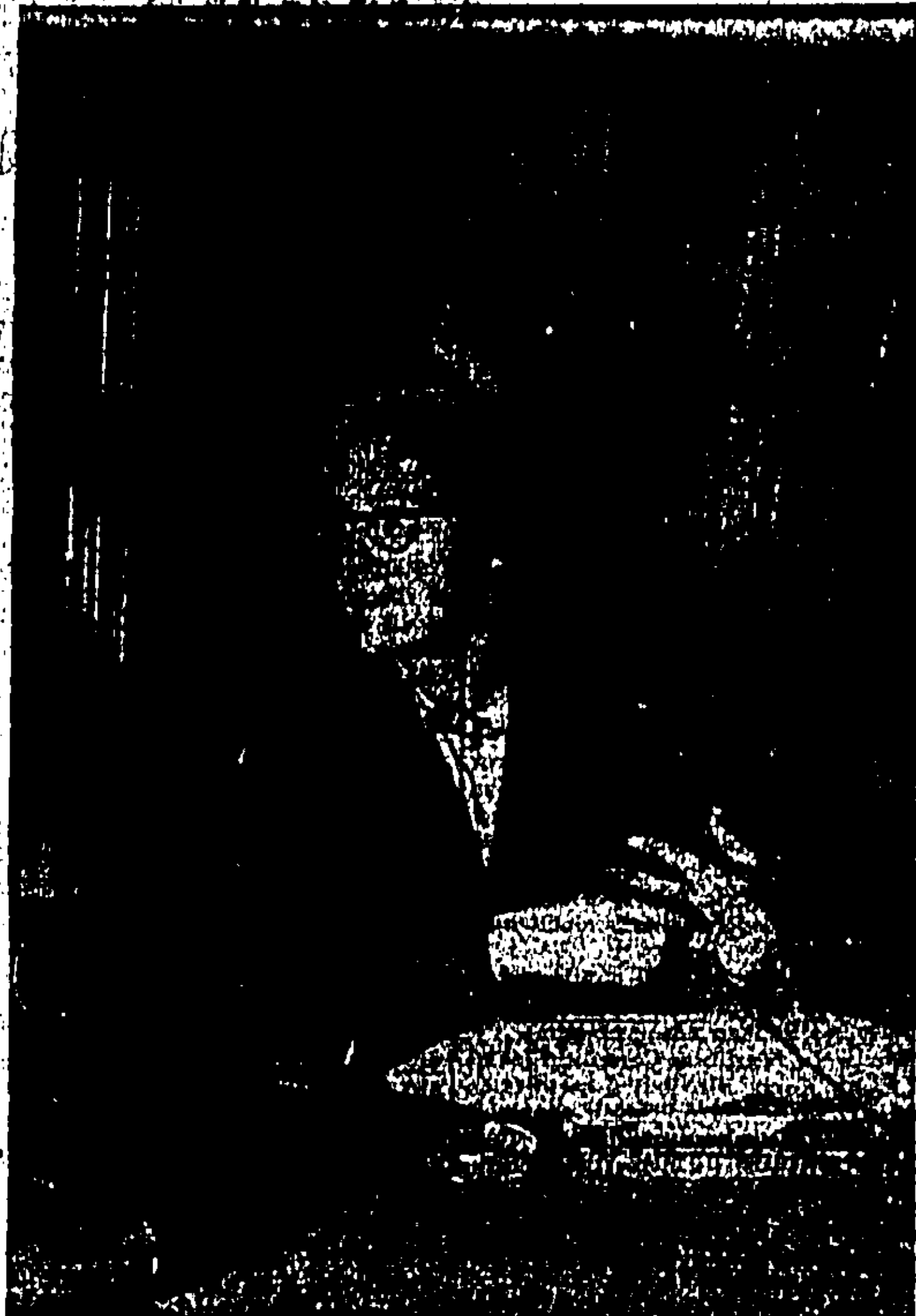
Washington, Dec. 20. — Walter Judd, Minnesota Republican Congressman, said that Representative Feng Yu-hsiang, the so-called "Christian General of China," is collaborating with the Chinese Communists in the hope of regaining the power he held as a warlord 20 years ago.

When Henry Wallace, former American vice-president, went abroad to speak against the United States Government he was attacked unanimously and repudiated by both the people and the press in this country, Judd said.

Yet today, with a Chinese official, whose following in his own country is even less than Wallace's, comes to America to make similar attacks against the Chinese National Government, Judd said.

Referring to Feng Yu-hsiang, Judd said: "This man is a traitor to his country and to the Chinese people."

Woman In The News



Marie Germaine Foinet Channis (right), Popular Republican Movement (M.R.P.), the new Minister of Public Health and Population, who is well known in France for her fight against alcoholism, is seen at the first meeting of Premier Robert Schuman's Cabinet in the Hotel Matignon, Paris.—A.P.H.O.

Verdict Of Guilty In Allen Case

William Elijah Allen, Man Kam-fat and Chui

Hong were yesterday found guilty by a jury on charges of conspiracy to obtain bribes and accepting and receiving bribes, but sentence has been deferred until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Mr. Justice E.H. Williams (Chief Justice), intimated that he would like to give the matter careful consideration.

All three accused were remanded in jail custody.

Chui Hong was found not guilty on the 10th count.

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Mr. F.F.W. Shafton, Senior Superintendent of Police, and Det. Insp. J. Johnston.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn of Messrs. Brutton & Co., appeared for Allen.

Man Kam-fat was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida, Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. P.J. Griffiths of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist. Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C.S. Russ, appeared for Chui Hong.

After an exhaustive three-hour summing up by Mr. Justice Williams, the jury retired for 52 minutes before returning their verdict.

On conclusion of yesterday's proceedings, Mr. Justice Williams thanked the jury for their services and exempted them from further jury service for seven years.

There were a number of European spectators in Court yesterday and, as Allen left the dock to go to the cells below, he waved and smiled to a friend.

Man Kam-fat, who had remained completely passive during the trial, glanced towards Allen after hearing the verdict.

Chui Hong did not show any change of demeanour.

The accused originally faced a total of 26 charges, but during the course of the trial,

A GANG OF WHARF BULLIES

"You comprise members of a gang of bullies. There must be no monopoly in this colony. Let people carry on their trade quietly and peacefully."

Jeung Shum (23), Wong On (22), and Leung Wah (24), were told this when they were convicted of threatening Tang Yu-wah to prevent him engaging any person he wished to carry his baggage from Connaught Road near Tung On Wharf to the Shanghai Hotel, Connaught Road, Central.

Each defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended to banishment by Mr. F.X. d'Almeida at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Complainant, an employee of the Wan Ah Transportation Co., said that he went to Kai Tak Airport to take 18 pieces of luggage and 11 passengers to the Tung On Wharf.

At the wharf he was prevented from carrying the luggage ashore by defendants, who threatened him.

Missed

One defendant, though coming at him, which missed him and hit second defendant.

Chu Chiu, assistant of the Sun Wah Hotel, said that he was sent to meet arrivals at "Tung On Wharf in Hong Kong and carry their luggage to the Hotel. He was not allowed by several coolies to board a motorboat.

They said that the boat belonged to them.

Witness described third defendant, who claimed to be working on petrol tanks, as the prime mover.

Det. Inspector P. Lowe commented that "such a monopoly is very prevalent along the waterfront today" and asked the Magistrate to take a serious view.

PRICE CONTROL

S. B. Norwegian Pilsener beer has been added to the Price Control schedule. Wholesale price is fixed at \$1 a pint, for consumption off the premises at \$1.15 and consumption on the premises \$1.40.

Personalia

The Governor, Sir Alexander, accompanied by Lady Grantham and his ADC, Captain Wilson, yesterday boarded a naval vessel to spend the weekend cruising in the waters of Hong Kong. Sir Alexander is due back at Government House tomorrow morning.

An enjoyable evening was spent by a large attendance at the cocktail party and dance at Central Police Canteen yesterday evening.

The Marine Band (by permission of the C-in-C, H.K.) was in attendance and provided music which added greatly to the success of the function.

Inspector Penfold, who organized the party, acted as master-of-ceremonies.

Admiral Sir Andrew Chan Chik passed through Hong Kong from Shanghai en route to Canton yesterday. The Admiral is expected to visit Hong Kong again shortly to board a plane for Britain.

The Central British Association on Friday night held a Cabaret dance in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Dick Labrum, Chairman of the C.B.A., was Master-of-Ceremonies. Members who assisted in the success of the evening included Joan Macfadyen, Hilma Fowler, Pauline Powell, Phillis Kirby, Lan Kempton, Douglas Smith, N. Whitley, and J. Mulvey. Tommy Tomlinson received a big hand for his comical turn. Mrs. Audrey, assisted by her husband Leonard, appeared in an acrobatic number. Among others who contributed their talent were Yvonne & Dennis, with exhibitions of ballroom dancing. Wells Field in a solo dance, "Penguin March," and Erwin, tape and Mr. Perry, vocalist.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals: Mrs. V. Barker, Mrs. B. Belmont, Mr. A. Moran, Baldwin and Mr. A. C. J. Mills.

Peninsula departures: Mr. W. Southin, Mr. Harley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Barringer and H. T. Kestel.

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8.45 a.m.—4.15 p.m. " 15 "	8.45 a.m.—4.30 p.m.
4.30 p.m.—6.30 p.m. " 10 "	4.45 p.m.—6.45 p.m.
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Though the attendance was not as great as expected, the standard of boxing was relatively high and several other interesting bouts were witnessed.

Well-known: Antonio Silva of Hongkong beat Cpl. Kennedy of 1st Inniskillings.

Featherweight: Eus. Bond of 1st Inniskillings beat St. Donnelly of H.M.S. London.

Light-heavyweight: Leonard beat Comber.

Lightweight: Exhibition between Ldg. Writer R. Polling of H.M.S. Tamar and Kid Podruco of Macau. (No decision).

Middleweight: Lanky Santos of Hongkong beat Sgt. Barr of 1st Inniskillings.

Lightweight: Drum Maj. Kearns of 1st Inniskillings beat B.L. Buck of H.M.S. Black Swan.

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XMAS DRAW

The Annual Christmas Draw of the Bowdoin Club proved a popular one as more than 10,000 tickets were sold up by the members. The draw took place at the Clubhouse last evening when four prizes were won. 30 chickens, 12 bottles of brandy, 24 bottles of sherry, 12 bottles of port, 24 bottles of gin, 48 bottles of whisky (genuine Scotch), 200 lbs of cigarettes, and 16 quarts bottles of beer, were given away as prizes. Lucky winners of poultry are requested to claim their prizes before Jan. 15, 1948.

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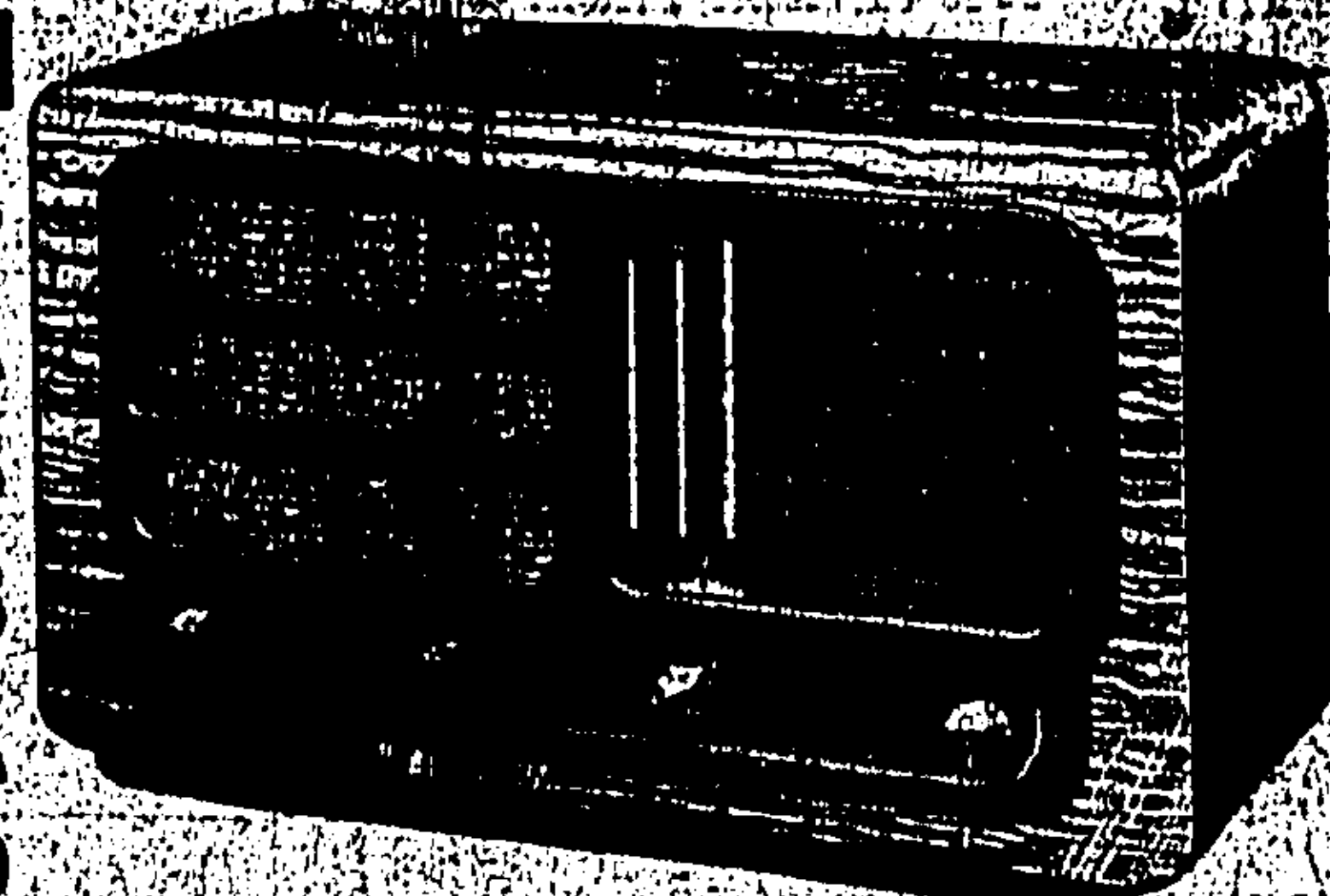
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Despite the misanthropic belief held in some circles that the Christmas festivities are just a money-making dodge thought up by shops, provision merchants, restaurants and night-clubs to wangle a few more shekels from the pockets of folk like you and me, I have to record the sober fact that it isn't so. On the contrary, Yuletide and the merry-making connected with it are linked with some of the oldest beliefs and superstitions in the Mind of Man (in keeping with the spirit of the season, we will assume that Man has a Mind—whatever we may think to the contrary, during the rest of a year of quavelling diplomats, bigger and better atomic weapons, and other little follies designed to make suicide easier).

Take the Christmas festival as a whole, for instance. This really goes back to long before the Christian Era and was all the rage in Early Roman times. They called it the Feast of Saturn, and it was a time of unrestrained disorder and misrule—but that's no excuse for making a nuisance of yourself at the Grippa this week. The Roman holiday was a protracted affair; originally, it was celebrated on December 17, 18 and 19 but this was not considered sufficient and under the Empire the festival was extended and lasted a whole week.

During this period, no public business was conducted, all the schools had a holiday, the law courts were closed, no malefactor could be punished—and no war could be started. Actually, the festival is probably older than the Romans, for Saturn—a kindly old gentleman who deposed all his children save Jupiter (air), Neptune (water) and Pluto (the grave)—has been identified as the Greek God Kronus.

People tend to go on doing the things their forefathers did, even if they have forgotten the original meaning or reason for doing so. The early Christian teachers realised this. They saw that it would be impossible for them to woo the ordinary, illiterate people away from their old usages and customs—and that it would be equally impossible to hope for a complete abandonment of the old practices. They decided to cooperate with the inevitable: the Pagan customs were shorn of their idolatry and transferred to Christian festival, and the Feast of Saturn became Christmas.

HOLLY

Christmas is always associated with thoughts of holly and of mistletoe, and it comes as no surprise, therefore, to find that both these formed part of the pre-Christian celebrations of this time of the year. The ancient Egyptians, at the winter solstice, used a palm branch of 12 leaves or shoots to symbolize the "completion of the year." During the Roman Saturnalia, the people decorated the temples with such green things as they could find.

Holly, or the holy-tree, gets its name both from its use in church decorations and from the fact that it puts forth its berries around Christmas. The Early Christians, when they took it over for their own celebrations, made it an emblem and justified its use by a quotation from Isaiah—"The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee; the pine-tree and the box together, to beautify the place of thy sanctuary."

MISTLETOE

So far as England is concerned, kissing under the mistletoe dates back to about the

17th Century, though the mistletoe was a "sacred plant" for centuries earlier. The custom seems to have its root in Scandinavian mythology. Freyja (or Frigg, for whom "Friday" is named), the wife of Odin, was the Goddess of Love and of the Dead. The mother of Baldur, she bound all things by oath not to harm her son—but overlooked the Mistletoe. Loki, the God of Strife, discovered this and, arming his blind brother Hodur with a dart made from it, provoked a fight which resulted in Baldur's death. In reparation for this great injury, the plant was dedicated to Freyja as long as it did not touch the earth, (Loki's kingdom), which is why today you always hang mistletoe. The kiss is supposed to be a sign that it is no longer an instrument of mischief.

In the old days, each time a kiss was exchanged beneath the mistletoe, a berry was removed, and when all the berries were gone kissing was supposed to stop officially anyway; this practice is falling into disuse nowadays, and considering the high price of mistletoe it is perhaps just as well. Incidentally, you will not—or should not—find the mistletoe used in church decorations. This plant, which is a parasite growing on various trees (especially the apple), was held in great veneration by the Druids. Because they used it in connection with human sacrifices, it was rigorously excluded from church decorations from the very start.

GIFTS

Although presents at Christmas time are an old custom, the sending of Christmas-cards is a comparatively new idea—the first English Christmas-card being issued from Sumner's "Home Treasury" Office, 12 Old Bond Street, in 1846. The design for the card, drawn by a member of the Royal Academy, showed a merry family party gathered round a table quaffing generous draughts of wine; it sold 1,000 copies. So far as presents are concerned, these are an old "Graeco-Roman" custom, as gifts were presented as omens of success for the coming year.

The custom is said to have originated when the King of the Sabines was presented with some branches cut from trees in the forest sacred to the goddess Strenia ("strength") on New Year's Day. Incidentally, our forefathers in Britain used to bribe the magistrates with gifts on New Year's Day; the custom was abolished by law in 1290, but even down to the time of James II monarchs received what were called tokens.

The Early Romans didn't, of course, have Christmas-crackers, but they have the fore-runners of those little bits of atrocious verse which are found in them today. Poets were commissioned to write special motes for distribution with sweets, and there is a record of a Roman poet having sued a pastry-cook for appropriate recompense for his labours in turning out 500 couplets to go with some bon-bons.

The Christmas Tree proper came to us from Germany and is supposed to have descended from the Yggdrasil, the "world-tree" of Scandinavian mythology, which with its roots and branches binds heaven, earth and hell together. The tree is an ash and at its roots is a fountain of wonderful virtues. When the tree quakes, the legend says monsters confined in the lower regions will be released for the final conflict on the Day of Doom. The world and all its inhabitants will be annihilated, save for one son

of Odin, Vidar of Vall, who will reconstruct a new and imperishable universe.

SANTA CLAUS

From such gloomy thoughts, which seem a prelude of a post-New Year's day hangover, it is a relief to turn to the stories connected with a certain brightly-clad, bewhiskered benevolent old gentleman, who pays this world a visit once a year. Pere Noel, Krisa Kringle, Santa Claus, Father Christmas—the names differ, but it's the same bloke.

Although most people know that "Santa Claus" is a corruption of "St. Nicholas," few could tell you much about the saint himself. This is not surprising, as he lived a long time ago and there is not much apart from legend that is known about him. He is thought to have been Bishop of Myra (Lycia) in the early Fourth Century and is reported to have punched Arius on the jaw at the Council of Nice in 325 A.D.

He's kept pretty busy even for such a hardworking person as a saint, for in addition to his Christmas duties, he is the patron saint of Russia; of parish clerks; of scholars; of pawnbrokers (whose three gold balls are supposed to symbolize the three daughters of a poor man to save them from earning their dowries in a disreputable way); of little boys (he once saved three lads who had been cut up and pickled in a salting tub during one of those early times when bacon was in short supply); and of sailors (because he was an ideal passenger and allayed a storm which sprang up while he was on a voyage to the Holy Land).

Although for most of us, St. Nicholas's day is December 25th, his real feast-day is December 6th and in the old days some one used to dress up as a bishop and distribute small gifts to "all good children." Another old custom, arising out of the legend that Nicolas manifested singular piety while still in the cradle, was the choosing of a choir-boy on that day to act as a Mock Bishop. This Boy Bishop possessed all the episcopal honours and the rest of the choir were his prebendaries. So seriously did they take this custom that if the Boy Bishop should happen to die while still "in office," he was buried in pontificalibus!

This custom of the Boy Bishop, it is thought, was a reference to the story of Jesus sitting in the Temple as a boy and talking learnedly with the doctors there. It is no longer practised, for it was abolished by law during the reign of Henry VIII. By the way, the reference to "St. Nicolas' clerks" in Shakespeare's "Henry VI" has nothing to do with either the Boy Bishop or any men of good character—it was a slang term for thieves and highwaymen. (Talking about slang, the word "Christmas" is a rhyming slang for railway guard. How come? The missing word is "Card"—"Christmas-card: Railway Guard!")

BOXING DAY

Boxing Day—which for some reason did not cross the Atlantic in the "Mayflower" and has still been unable to get a passage across—is, of course, named after the "Christmas Boxes" which used to be in circulation at that time. Boxes placed in churches for casual offerings were opened on Christmas Day and the contents, called "the dole of the Christmas box," were distributed the following day. Apprentices and

others who rendered small services also took boxes around to receive an annual "tip" and some of these boxes are still preserved in the British Museum.

"Thrift boxes" they were sometimes called—small, wide bottles of thin clay, with imitation stoppers; a slit on the side enabled one to slip a coin in, and as these money-pots were always brought out around Christmas Eve, they soon got the name of Christmas Boxes. They, in turn, gave the name to the day, which has nothing to do with fistcluffs or the Marquess of Queensberry.

TWELFTH NIGHT

The Yuletide festivities end with Twelfth Night, Epiphany—January 6th. The word epiphany is from the Greek "epiphaneia," an appearance or manifestation, and tradition has it that this was the time the star of Bethlehem appeared to the Wise Men of the East.

Apart from the fact it is a religious festival, Old Christmas Night (as it is sometimes called by those who say that Jan. 6th and not Dec. 25th, is The Day) is the subject of a number of quaint old customs, in England in particular. One of the most touching is still practised in parts of northern Hampshire. The villagers sit up till midnight and as soon thereafter as they hear the leaves rustling they go to the nearest stable to watch the cows or horses stand up and lie down on the other side.

Although the villagers themselves don't know why they do this, it is actually a survival of the belief that at midnight on the Night of the Nativity, oxen kneel in their stalls in honour of the event. The rustling of the leaves is connected with the tradition that thorn-tree blossoms at midnight to commemorate the Birth. There are similar beliefs in parts of Lancashire, while Cornish folk believe that sheep turn to the east and bow their heads in memory of those watched by the shepherds in Bethlehem so many years ago.

ON THE PHONE

That about winds up these random comments on "Christmas, the Why and Wherefore," except to report a matter of interest to children, Santa Claus, according to Associated Press, now has a telephone number in the United States. When children call his New York number (Murray Hill 8-2205) they hear sleigh bells, the sound of busy gnomes wielding hammers at the toy-making bench—and they are able to talk to Krisa Kringle himself.

The idea has been adopted by the Schwarz Toy Store. The late founder of the store felt that the imitation Santa Claus you see in the average shop around Christmas did more to shatter childhood illusions than add to them. So, for 35 years, there was no one dressed up to act as "Father Christmas" in the Schwarz Toy Store. But now, children can at least speak to him on the phone, and in his accustomed fashion Santa asks them if they have been good and what they want. If they try to prolong the call, he rattles his sleigh bells, cries to "Dancer" and "Prancer" and apologises for having to leave.

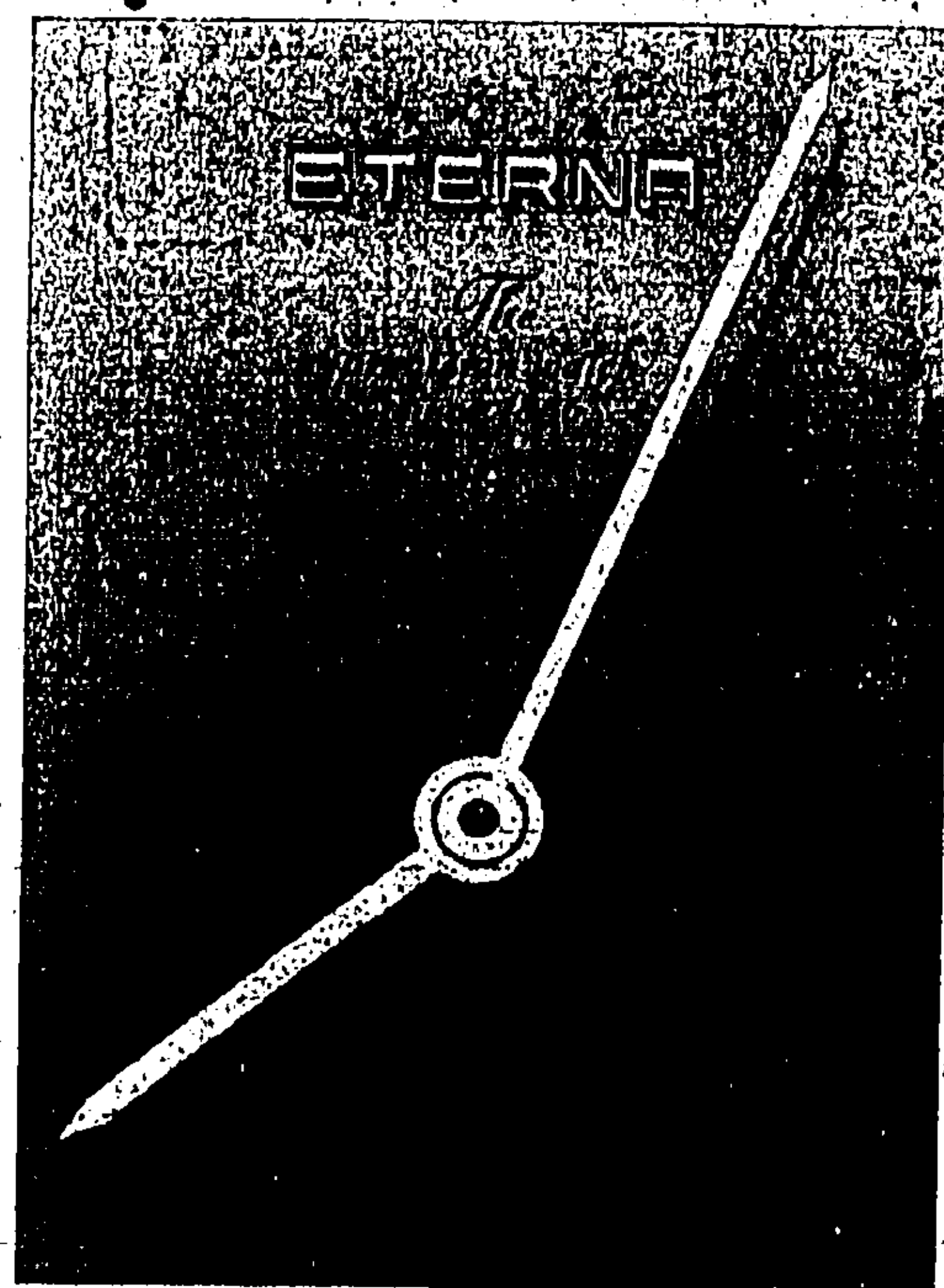
There are rumours that, in addition to the Editor and the Proof-Readers, there are one or two folk in town who read these weekly musings-in-print of mine through from beginning to end. To these go my thanks and best wishes; may their bottles always contain Scotch and may they soon find a flat or house!

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MR. WALLACE HARPER

pioneered many business enterprises. His first job in the Colony was with his father who was then representing the Ford Motor Company. After 2 1/2 years he floated Wallace Harper & Co., Ltd., South China distributors for Ford Motor Company, which prospered rapidly. He was the first motor car dealer in the Colony to erect a modern showroom and service station in Kowloon. That building, erected in 1927 is now the Fire Station in Nathan Road. A few years later, Mr. Harper became a keen flying enthusiast and after obtaining his pilot's licence, he purchased in 1932 an American Arrow Sport aircraft. At that time he was the first private individual to own an aero-

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A NICE LOT

During his three weeks stay in England Mr. Odell saw three or four pictures a day including some of the 1947 British productions as part of his buying programme. Most of the films he purchased will be shown in the Colony during the next six months, Mr. Odell whose firm has been appointed exclusive distributors for the Associated British (A.B.) Pathe Picture, says he "thinks a nice lot of pictures for Hong Kong." He also arranged for the regular presentation here of Pathe's weekly newsreel and the Pathe fortnightly pictorial which will first be shown in the Colony at the beginning of January.

Perhaps one of the most interesting incidents in Mr. Harper's career in the Colony was when he engaged in a private battle with the Japanese, and won. The Japanese forces in 1938 ransacked Mr. Harper's business there and several cars and accessories were stolen. However, with the aid of the British Consul in Canton, and a great deal of bluff and argument, Mr. Harper forced the Japanese to pay full compensation in cash. A year before this occurrence, Mr. Harper had made the very first motor trip between Canton and Hong Kong by road. The road was then unfinished and on occasions where it disappeared for stretches Mr. Harper hauled his vehicle on sampans and off-loaded it on the other side. Following the Japanese occupation of the Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces, it was impossible to deliver trucks to Chinese Forces except by shipping them to Rangoon and driving them up the Burma Road. Mr. Harper pioneered this method of delivering vehicles, and himself led the first experimental convoy of motor vehicles ever taken over the Burma Road to



Mr. and Mrs. H. Odell and Mr. George Sun visit the Pyramids in "traditional" style.

Kunming for sale in that city. This trip was made by Mr. Harper in March 1940 and many hundreds of vehicles were successfully delivered over that route during the months that followed, many trips being made under fire from the Japanese.

MORE BRITISH PICTURES FOR H.K.

Back in Hong Kong after a six weeks stay in England is Mr. H.O. Odell, Managing Director of International Film Ltd. Chief of his visit was to buy British pictures for Hong Kong cinemas and also to obtain first hand knowledge of the British film industry. Accompanied by his wife and Mr. George Sun, General Manager of the King's Theatre, Mr. Odell left at the end of October by BOAC flying boat. Engine trouble caused a four days delay at Bangkok and another day's holdup occurred in Cairo owing to the cholera epidemic restrictions. The party took this as an opportunity for visiting the Pyramids and made use of the extra time in sightseeing.

On arrival in England, Mr. Odell and Mr. Sun saw the huge Associated British studio at Clapham, which after having been requisitioned by the British Army throughout the war, are now being reconstructed and re-equipped at a cost of one million pounds. When they are ready for production next spring, these studios will be the biggest and most modern in Europe with eight sound stages and a lot of 40 acres. They also inspected the studios at Welwyn where the film "Piccadilly Incident" (recently shown in Hong Kong) was made. There they met Mr. Ronald Howard, son of the famous English star the late Mr. Leslie Howard. Mr. Howard is taking part in a new picture called "Bond Street" which will be coming to Hong Kong within the next few months. The courtesy of the Arthur Rank Organisation, Mr. Odell and Mr. Sun were taken over the Denham and Pinewood studios where they met Sir Lawrence Olivier who was then on the set of Hamlet.

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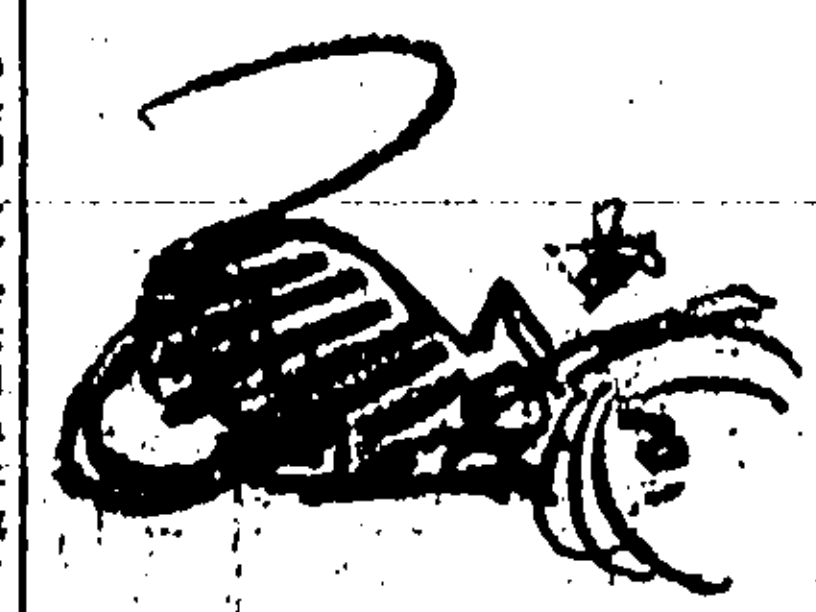
The general atmosphere in England seemed to be that at last Britain was beginning to turn the corner and a cheerful attitude was the order of the day. Great interest was portrayed by the public in the export of British pictures and the producers of these films were doing their best to improve the quality. For two days of their visit Mr. and Mrs. Odell were the guests of Major and Mrs.

Miss Phyllis Harrop, manager in the Helena May Institute Fashion Parade held on Thursday afternoon, when here modelling one of the New Look gowns which were in prominent display at the show. (China Mail photo).

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A YEAR OF THE RAT

Just arrived in the Colony from Peiping, is author Mr. Alfred Koehn, enchanting version of the Chinese Lunar Calendar for 1948. The calendar, which is comprised of 57 pages of printed rice paper bound in Chinese fashion, is filled with details of what will happen in the 37th year of the Republic. It also includes such fascinating statements as: "On November 22nd, if the wind is in the



WHAT THE HECK!

Returning from Kowloon late on Friday evening, I was surprised to find an Austin car (number 7758) parked apparently for the night in the middle of the newly instituted pedestrian crossing in Chater Road. I should like to convey my admiration, among other sentiments, to the driver of that car, for the exquisite care he or she must have taken in getting the four wheels of the Austin exactly touching both white lines. Especially when any amount of space along the deserted road could have been used with no trouble at all.

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New York, Dec. 20. The Herald-Tribune declared editorially today that the Japanese Diet approved major legislation to reorganize the nation's commerce and industry "only because American General Headquarters made suggestions to Premier Tetsu Katayama."

It added: "American suggestions have the same effect in Tokyo as prodding with a bayonet."

The newspaper said: "This incident once again illustrates the nature of American problems in Japan. Japanese officials readily accepted political reforms in the early days of the occupation, which deluded some observers into a belief that a revolution in patterns of thought had taken place overnight, but they invariably resist economic reforms."

"This is true not only of obvious conservatives and reactionaries but of many who pose as liberals or socialists. The reluctance can be overcome by pay as high officials in Tokyo are concerned - as was the case of the commercial and industrial legislation in the Diet - but is extremely difficult to overcome beyond the shadow of American Headquarters."

On Paper Only

"The result is that an economic reform carried out on paper in Japan may seem satisfactory enough but that results in practice often are poor."

"Most of the Japanese officials who assent to political reform but oppose economic reform, apparently do so because they are strongly against any real change in the old Japan - the Japan led by an unholy alliance of militarists, semi-feudal landlords and monopolists."

"These officials can give an appearance of co-operation with General MacArthur by accepting political legislation he proposes, but can try to keep it from having meaning by opposing economic legislation - or

sabotaging it after it is on the books."

Little Or Nothing

"They realize clearly that political reform in Japan amounts to little or nothing without economic reform."

The Herald-Tribune cited the Japanese agrarian problem as an example in support of its argument that an economic reform on paper may seem satisfactory but that results in practice sometimes are poor.

It said that "the proper laws were passed but not much property has been taken from the landlords (who were recently staunch supporters of Japanese militarism) and turned over to peasant farmers." Associated Press.

NOT IRREPARABLE

Sydney, Dec. 20.

The Australian Minister for External Affairs, Dr. Herbert Ewart, addressing the United Nations Association of Australia luncheon said today, "The failure of the Foreign Ministers conference is serious but not necessarily an irreparable setback."

United Press.

Veto Question To Come Up Again

Lake Success, Dec. 20.

The Security Council decided today to discuss the controversial veto issue again despite Russian objections that all such talk "constitutes a waste of time."

By a vote of 9 to 2 with Russia and Poland in the minority the Council approved a work sheet calling for debate on the question. No date was set, however.

The delegates spent most of their 3 1/2 hour session debating the Indonesian question. They agreed that Australia should remain on the three-nation committee of good offices which is trying to settle the conflict.

Others on this committee are Belgium and the U.S.

L. N. Palar, Indonesian representative, charged that the Netherlands had violated the Council's cease fire order by occupying the island of Madura. He charged the Dutch with committing "atrocities." The Dutch representative, Jonkhoeur J. W. M. Smoek Hurgonje, replied briefly that his Government had "categorically denied" the accusations.

The Council received word from the Committee that a report on its work should be received about Dec. 23. The delegates therefore took no action on a proposal that the Council instruct the Committee to report on its

plan for making effective the Council's cease fire order. Several said they assumed the report would include this plan.

The next Council meeting was set tentatively for Dec. 30 with the Committee's report due to be considered. Associated Press.

These Women Don't Want The Vote

Zurich, Dec. 20.

"Husbands! Brothers! Please save us from politics. Our world is in our hands and will always be there. Don't allow the Government to give us Swiss women the vote. Our Swiss, American, French sisters are much worse off than we are. (Signed) The United Women's Organizations of Zurich."

No, not a silly joke but the fiercest of the powerful women's organizations. Their main arguments were that politics would bring strife into many homes with quarrels between husband and wife, and impair the efficiency in house-keeping for which Swiss women have hitherto been famous throughout the Continent.

Well, the Zurich men obliged. The majority's answer at the polls was: "No votes for women, thank you." Our Own Correspondent.

TRAGEDY IN GARAGE

Prague, Dec. 20.

Three were killed and 42 injured when a heavy gas explosion occurred in a bus garage at Hradec today.

The bodies of three dead and badly injured were exhumated from the debris of the garage, which was completely demolished. Reuter.

It's Honey Balm

CAPETOWN, DEC. 20.

BECAUSE HE WAS TOLD THAT THE STINGS WOULD CURE HIS ARTHRITIS, MR. GLADD CLAXTON, A RHODESIAN ENGINEER, HAS HIT ON AN IDEA WORTH A FORTUNE.

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After experiments lasting a year he evolved a system whereby heated bees punch the comb out of a solid block of beeswax. Melted wax is sucked out through holes in the side of the dies. Our Own Correspondent.

Anti-American Feeling

Cairo, Dec. 20.

Work on the western end of the proposed pipeline from American oil concessions in Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean has been suspended as a result of anti-American feeling and unrest over the projected partitioning of Palestine, a representative of companies interested in the line said today.

American employees of the Trans-Arabian Pipe Line Company were withdrawn from Trans-Jordan following recent attacks on one of their motor convoys, the representative added and are now standing by in Beirut until it is apparent whether the project can be continued.

Oil from the rich Saudi Arabian fields, operated by the Arabian-American Oil Company, now moves by tanker from the Persian Gulf ports around the Arabia Peninsula and through the Suez Canal. Associated Press.

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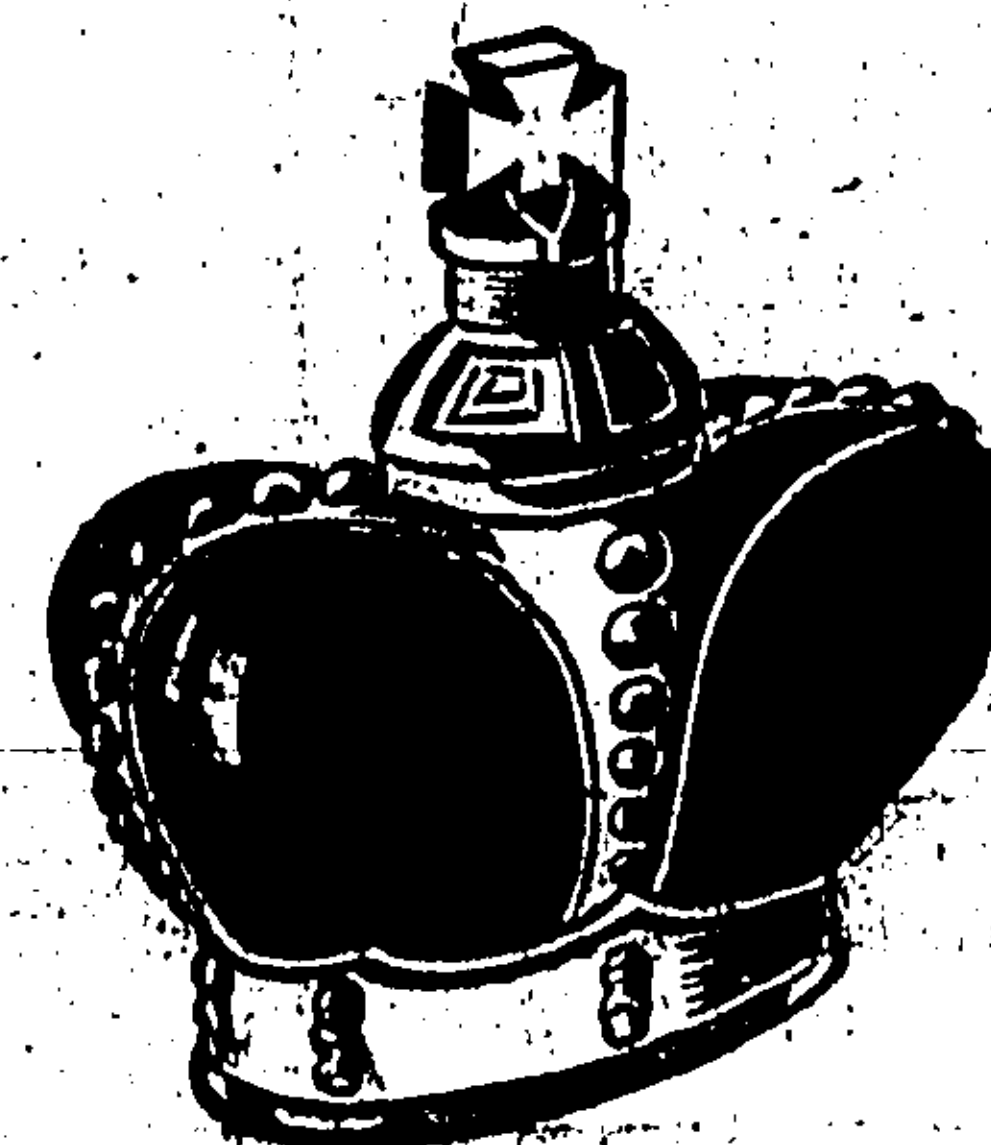
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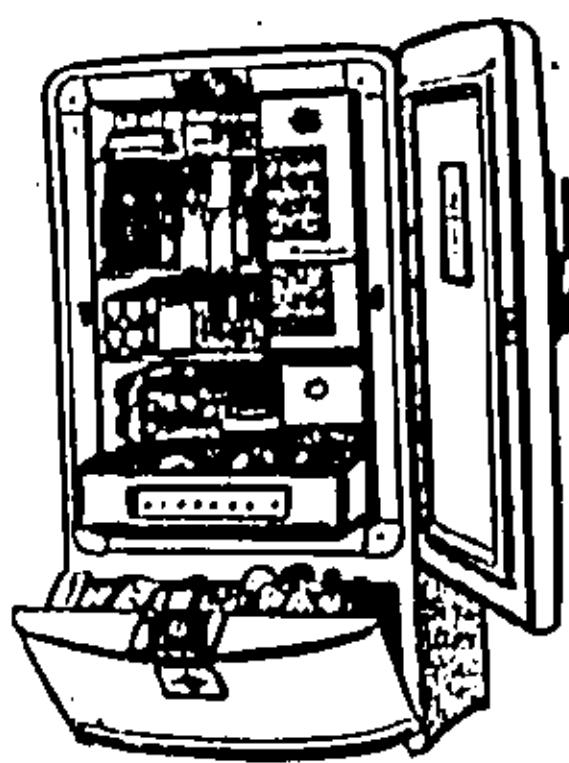
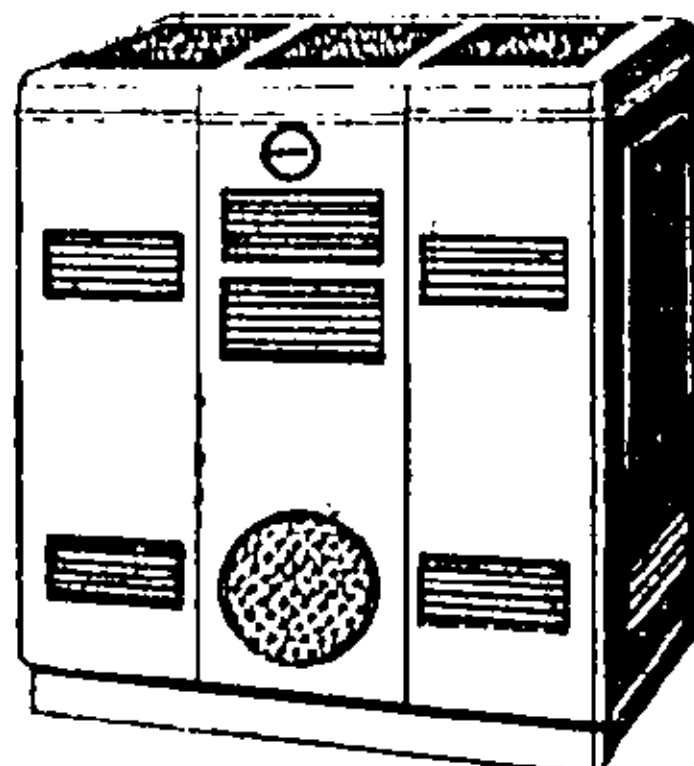
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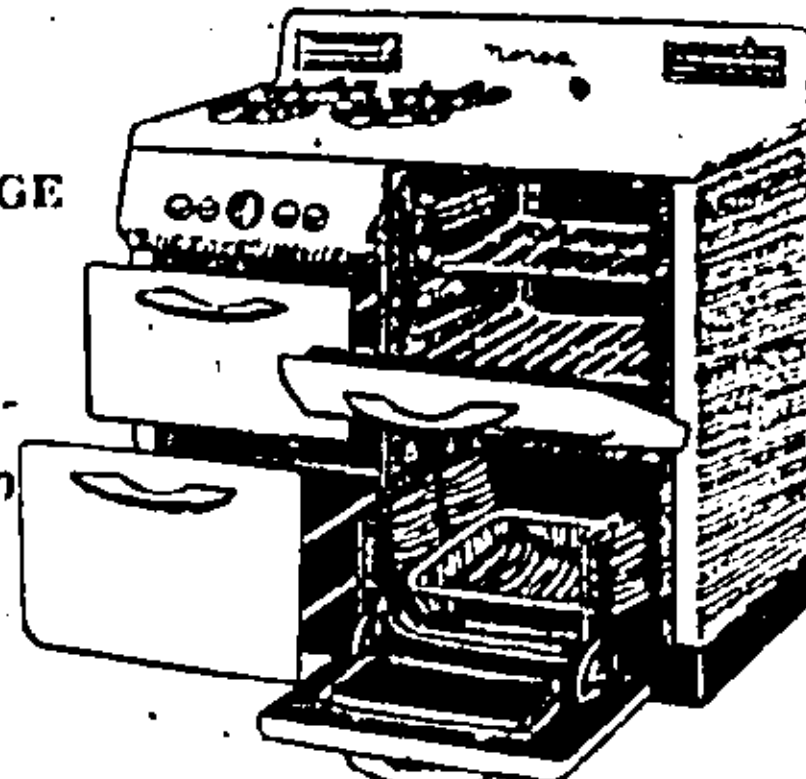
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PATRICK CAMPBELL'S LITTLE PIECE

Simply flashed in the other
evening, between shows, to a
most fascinating little cocktail
party—her Grace certainly does
mix a taster—and who should I
come upon, looking bronzed and
fit after a week in his native
Salford, but Walter Greenwood,
author of "Love on the Dole" and
many other brilliant West End
successes...

I beg your pardon, I'm in the
wrong box. Change the record.

I slugged out the other night
to Earl's Court, where someone
was having some kind of a do
that I thought someone might be
at who might be able to do me
a bit of good. Instead of that
I found Walter Greenwood.

Some desultory conversation
took place, as usual about money,
but then he suddenly changed the
subject.

"Would you be interested," he
asked me, "in buying an am-
poule?"

"An ampoule?" I was so sur-
prised I put my hand in a plate
of salmon. "An ampoule of
what?"

"A cyanide ampoule," said
Walter. "It was popular about
a year ago."

"Certainly not," I said. "No,
wait a minute." I remembered
a couple of letters beginning,
"Dear Sir, Unless..." What's
it all about?"

"These are uncertain times,"
said Walter. "Who knows what
the morrow may bring? How
much happier everyone would be
to know that they carried the
safe and hygienic way out in the
waistcoat pocket or reticule."

"I see," I said. "Tell me, are
the ampoules very expensive?"
"At the moment," said Walter
—"but this, of course, is just
in the early stage—they retail at
21s. We ought to be able to cut
it considerably, however, once
we get into fulltime production.
I'm thinking of launching a big
advertising campaign—BEFORE
and AFTER. We'd need some-
one with a title to endorse it."

"BEFORE would show Lady
Frozen-Meat at lunch at the
Berkeley," I suggested, "looking
about 92 years of age, surrounded
by cavalry moustaches. AFTER
would reveal her in eternal peace,

the hands, and a lily, folded on
the chest, candles burning at
either end of the bier."

"That's right," said Walter.
"You'd have to show the kind
of value you'd get for your
money."

At home again, I went on
thinking about the ampoules, and
the more I thought about them
the more profitable did they
seem to be. I even made a short
list of likely types of customers,
with notes to form the basis of
a sales-talk.

(1) Politicians: Patter (a):
standing Gravesend, look at the
municipal elections. Patter (b):
"You're out now, but, notwith-
standing Gravesend, you might
be in again soon, and have to tidy
up."

(2) Financiers — all types.
"It really is true that the Govern-
ment are going to call in the
present currency."

(3) Theatrical entertainers:
"Five more musical shows, with
full American cast, are coming
to the West End from Broadway
in the spring."

(4) Literary gentlemen: "Can
you carve a short story on
stone?"

(5) All married couples,
everywhere: "How do you really
feel?"

It looked like an absolute win-
ner, and this before I'd even
skipped off more than the cream
of the market. There were plenty
of others—Swiss hotel propriet-
ors, and people who have just
taken delivery of a new car after
waiting for it for seven years.
The whole enterprise seemed to
be in the super-tax class.

Then all at once I had a dis-
agreeable thought. It was, per-
haps, a rather heavy respon-
sibility.

I rang up Mr. Greenwood.
"Listen, Walter," I said, "this
is a splendid idea about the am-
poules, but—honestly—how do
you think it is going to feel
when the clients start dying like
flies—I mean, when the ampoules
achieve their intended purpose?"

"Dying?" said Walter. "Who
said anything about dying? You
don't know the price of cyanide.
We're filling the ampoules with
soda-water. Don't forget—we're
in this for easy money."

Sometimes I'm inclined to
agree with the people who main-
tain that the English craftsman
is dying out.

Torch Bearer

Whatever else you may do
about Maud this Christmas—ha,
the first mention—do not, for
your own sake, give her a cig-
arette lighter.

I know what things are like
now. She's trying to light her
cigarette by pressing the end of
it against the filament of the
electric stove. Each time it goes
out as she sits back in her chair.
She tears the front page off the
evening paper, rolls it into a
huge spool, lights the paper, lights
her cigarette, and then stands
screaming in the middle of the
room, holding a sheet of flame.
You have to snatch it from her
and roll it in your jacket.

Oh, you've just settled yourself
in the cinema, comfortably wrap-
ped in an overcoat against the
rigours of the air-conditioning,
when Maud says, "Light!" You
have to stand up, shout at the
people behind who are shouting
at you, grope in your trousers
pocket, find the lighter in the
other one, light her cigarette,
re-wrap yourself, and sit down
again Maud says, "Oh, bother—
it's gone out."

I know that under these con-
ditions it is to you that the
world would be a gentle, restful
place if Maud were to have a
lighter of her own. Buy one,
and see what you get.

"Here, Maud, my love," you
say, "look! A pretty little never-
fail, absolutely foolproof, nothing
to-go-wrong, over-all guaranteed
cigarette lighter, all of your very
own."

"Oh, thanks," says Maud, and
presses the absolutely foolproof
mechanism. Nothing whatever
happens.

Maud makes a little grimace.
"It hurt my thumb," she says.

You take it from her and
loosen the spring, and loosen the
flint, and pull up the wick, and
blow on it, and warm it in your
hand and give it back to her and
say, "Try it now, dear."

Maud does not reply imme-
diately. She is busy lighting her
cigarette from the electric stove.
This time she presses the ab-
solutely foolproof mechanism
against the arm of the chair.
Her brow is furrowed. She is
holding her breath. The lighter
springs into flame.

"No, dear," you tell her—
"there is no need for that. Just
a flick of the thumb, like this."
"Oh," cries Maud. "You
shouldn't have made me do it!
I've broken my nail!" She has,
too—unaccountably, maddening-
ly, even painfully.

Three days later you catch
Maud again lighting her cigarette
against the filament of the stove,
which is now wearing noticeably
thin.

"Lighter not working?" you
say casually.
"It can't have any petrol in
it, or something," says Maud.

"It can't have any petrol in it
now. She's trying to light her
cigarette by pressing the end of
it against the filament of the
electric stove. Each time it goes
out as she sits back in her chair."

"Oh, but I couldn't," she says.
"What does the petrol go in?"

For a moment you think it
might be a good idea to attack
her with a chair. Then you get
the bottle of lighter fluid, and
a halfpenny, and you fill the
lighter very carefully indeed.
Maud is again absorbed by her
book.

"Look, dear," you tell her, "it's
quite simple."

"Oh, no," says Maud, without
looking up, "I know I couldn't."

The lighter won't work. You
take it to pieces, and rebuild it
with a razor-blade, a hairpin,
scissors, and a piece of thread.

Nothing happens. You throw
it down and go and look out of
the bathroom window, digging
your nails into the palms of your
hands.

When you come back Maud is
lighting her cigarette with the
lighter.

"I pulled up the wick with my
eyebrow tweezers," says Maud.
"I don't know why you don't
leave it to me."

ASSEMBLY FIGHT

Rome, Dec. 20.

Communist and Socialist de-
puties fought for ten minutes
in the hall of the Constituent
Assembly today during a de-
bate on Government's new pro-
gramme. The session was tem-
porarily suspended.

The disturbance began when
M. Togliatti, General Secretary
of the Communist party, criti-
cised the foreign policy of the
Prime Minister as making Italy
"the slave of America." "Shame
on you," he told Republican de-
puties. "You are dragging
our flag through the mud."
Some deputies were hurt in
the subsequent clash.—Reu-
ter.

OSAKA QUAKE

Osaka, Dec. 20.

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today by a slight earthquake whose
epicentre was located in Wakayama
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Singapore Showdown

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ary 15, 1947, has been the
greatest debacle in British mili-
tary history, is due to be officially
lifted soon with the long-delayed
publication of the report of the
former G.O.C., Malaya, Lieut-
General Percival, who stayed be-
hind with his troops and was "put
in the bag" by the Japs.

We can expect some heated
comment from Australia when
this 120,000-word acid explana-
tion of one of the war's great
disasters appears, for Australian
troops and their leader, Lieut-
General Gordon Bennett, come in
for their share of criticism.
There is praise, too for some
Australians.

Australians themselves long ago
settled the question "Should
Lieut-General Gordon Bennett
have escaped from Singapore?"
with a resounding "Yes."

General Percival's report will
include otherwise.

Started in a Formosan prison
camp, the Singapore report was
finished more than 18 months ago
and handed in to the War Office.
It has been the subject of high-
level "behind-the-scenes" pressure
to have it banned.

Even last week a further at-
tempt was made to seal it in its
pigeonhole, but I understand the
new War Minister, Mr. Shinwell,
has interested himself in it, and
it will appear within the next
week or so.

The report covers the 70 days
of the Malayan campaign, and
some things are said in it that
should have been said ages ago.

Apart from the criticism of
those whose duty it was to lead
the campaign, General Percival's
report contains suggestions of
great interest to the Common-
wealth in regard to future train-
ing of troops.

From a purely military view-
point General Percival's report is
a most necessary publication.
From the point of view of Com-
monwealth relations, maybe it
could be scotched, but
anyway, it's coming out.

ing on in Canada for the past ten
days from breakdown.

The British mission in Ottawa
has had a hard time fixing up
new contracts for eggs, bacon,
butter, and wheat, and has not
yet been able to reach agreement.
for Canada is almost as "pushed"
for dollars as Britain.

What Britain buys from Cana-
da must be paid for in dollars,
and Britain was counting on her
export drive to set the seal on
new food deals, but it has been
found that exports will go only
a little more than half way to-
wards making ends meet.

In addition, Canadian wheat
farmers, with a certain amount
of justification, have let it be
known that they are fed up with
selling their wheat to Britain for
8s. a bushel less than they could
get for it in the U.S. or anywhere
else in the open market.

Canada, generous in her all-out
help to the Mother Country, is
now herself in a tight spot,
brought about largely by that
very generosity. The old slogan
of the Victorian State Railways
would seem appropriate here:
"Help us to help you."

Australia

Publication in this column of
the new rates of pay and condi-
tions in the Australian Army
resulted in a minor rush of
would-be recruits to Australia
House.

Nothing can be done about en-
listment here. But should a man
find his way to Australia, he
would stand a good chance of
joining the new "Digger" Army.

Excitement is running high in
Australia over the following
words in Princess Elizabeth's
letter of thanks to Prime Min-
ister Chifley: "My husband has
visited Australia, of which he
has the pleasantest memories, and
I hope that it may not be long
before he can visit the Common-
wealth myself and learn to know
its people."

South Africa

Field Marshall Montgomery is
going over to the Union. He
had been mobbed wherever he has
gone, and his visit has been a
total success.

contacts," he said, "which would
make for easier working together
if we should be attacked. I have
come to talk over developments
in defence in all its forms."
Rumours persist that Britain is
to put forward a scheme for con-
scripting South African levies to
take the place of the lost Indian
armies. Prime Minister Smuts's
gagging Opposition are expected
to make much of this in the
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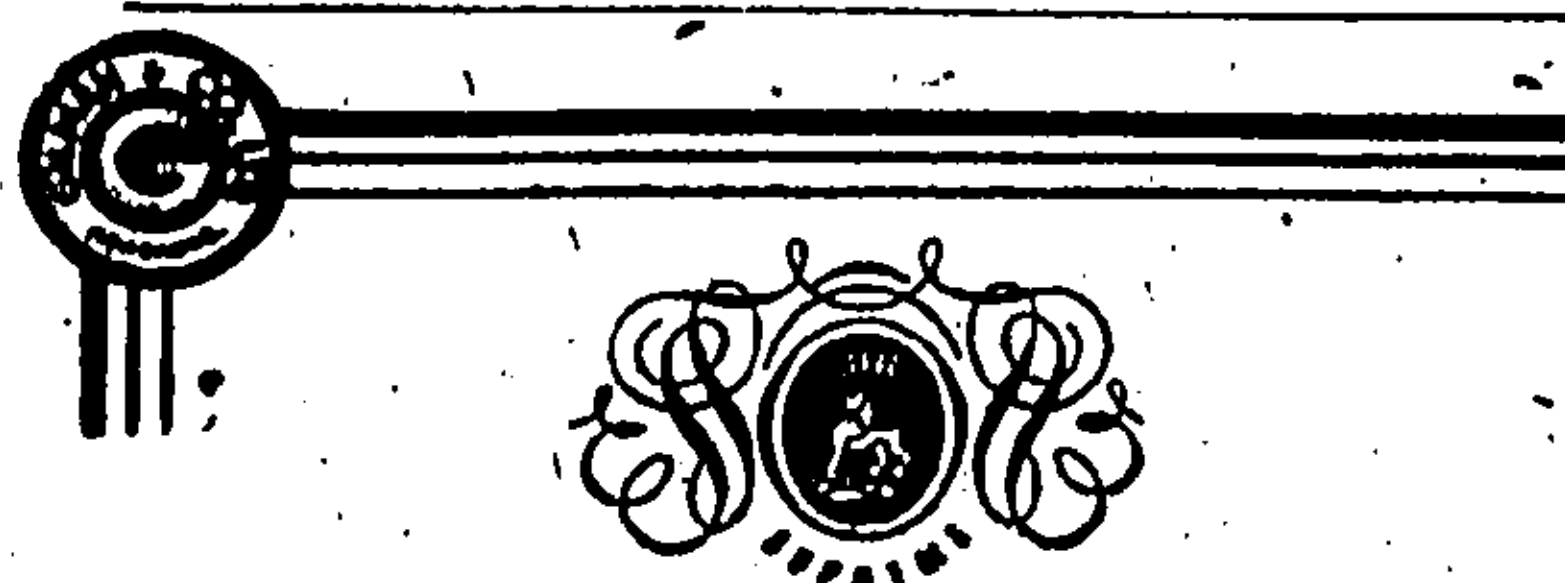
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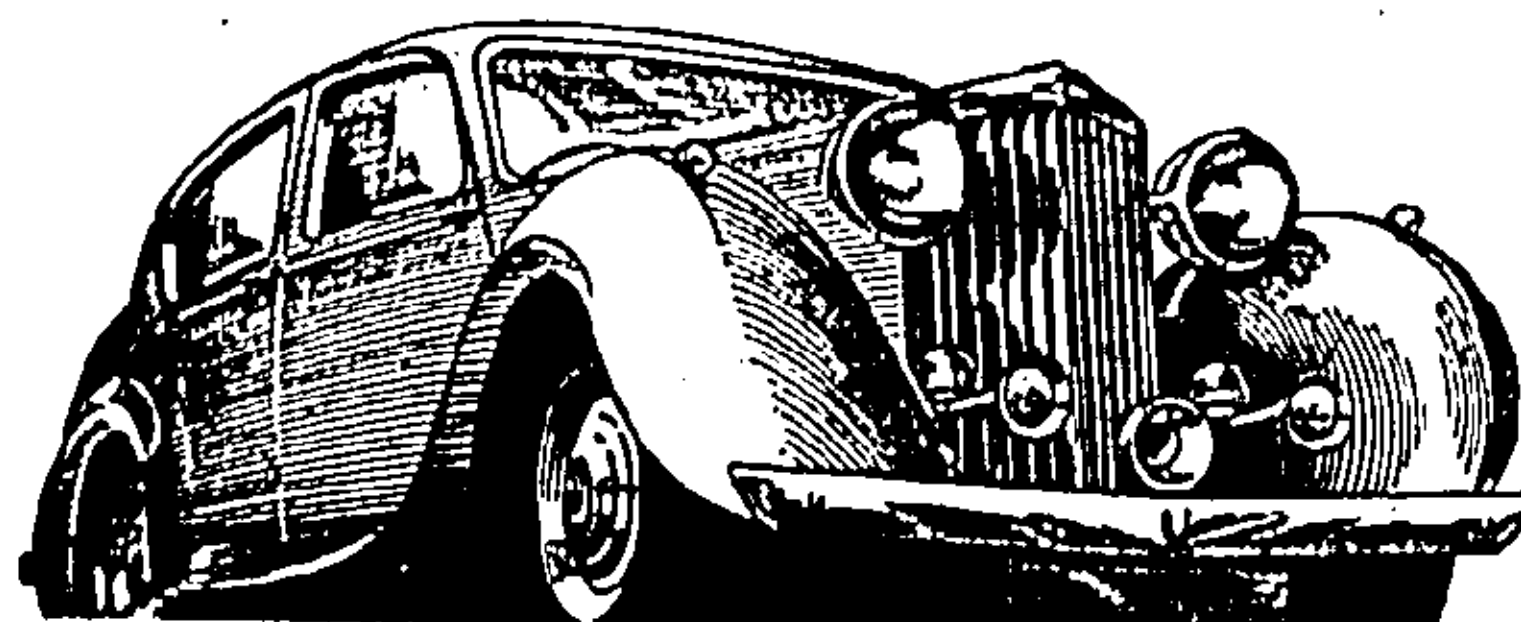


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CONTINUING - The Remarkable Story of an Inquiry Into Faith

The Redskins Say A Healer Guides Their Hands

What do you believe? Today we print the third article in a remarkable series—the story of an investigation into spiritual movements which are part of to-day's search for Faith.

Each article is a factual record of our reporter's findings—whether it appears to support psychic claims or draw attention to pitfalls.

Today Jack Thomas tells the story of Running Water, the Red Indian whose spirit is said to guide the healers at the strange hospital in the Empire. Thomas does not attempt to explain the phenomena. That will be the subject of a later article.

Last week I told you about a spirit healer who works single-handed in the depths of the Surrey countryside.

Today I am going to take you to the strangest hospital in London—a hospital whose director is a middle-aged housewife such as you might meet in any shopping queue, whose chief physician is a Red Indian who died 400 years ago, whose "doctors" and "nurses" are men and women like you and me. They have no medical training. They use no drugs, no surgical instruments, no glittering scientific equipment. But it is my duty as a reporter to state that they get results.

Marylebone House does not look like a hospital. A grey Regency building in a shabby Bloomsbury square, for more than 30 years it has been a psychic university with a library of over 5,000 books, a staff of 18 mediums, and an all-the-day-round programme of seances, lectures, and classes for psychic development. Its main purpose is to prove personal survival after death and to spread the teachings of Spiritualism. The healing centre, begun almost accidentally, "just grew."

Every week men, women and children climb up at an early hour to the long room at the top of the building where Mrs. Nan Mackenzie directs the Empire's largest band of spirit healers. They come with every kind of ailment. There are cripples, the deaf, the blind, the dumb. Some, under medical attendance of death, have turned to the spirit world—to Mrs. Mackenzie and her mysterious guide, the Indian, "Running Water."

And—here is the incredible but incontrovertible fact—many away cured, while of the rest 80 per cent. claim "considerable benefit."

Diagnosis in a Trance

Consider the case of Arthur Dulay, the concert pianist, whose Canto Oretaria is known to millions of B.B.C. listeners. I have his permission to print this story.

At 9 o'clock on the evening of Friday, March 7 last, Dulay wrenched his arm while boarding a train.

His arm was useless throughout Saturday and Sunday. He had a B.B.C. engagement for the following Friday, and it looked as if he would be out of action for weeks.

At 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 9—the dates are important—Mrs. Dulay picked up the phone. "I'm going to call Nan Mackenzie," she said.

Now let Dulay continue the story in his own words:—

"Mrs. Mackenzie arrived about half an hour later. She went straight into the sleep which is known as a trance, and her spirit guide, Running Water, spoke through her. The voice said I had torn a shoulder muscle and had displaced a small bone.

"What I went through during the next few minutes is nobody's business. My shoulder was literally manhandled back into position. I am convinced Mrs. Mackenzie herself could not have exerted such strength.

Voice Said 'You Will Play'

"When the operation was over I felt limp. But the 'Voice' checked me up. It said: 'I would be playing the piano again by Tuesday and that I would be able to fulfil my concert engagements.'

"I was sceptical. But on the following Tuesday I sat at my piano—and played as well as ever. And on Friday, March 14—seven days after my accident—I broadcast in the B.B.C. Friday Concert from the 'People's Palace'.

Mrs. Dulay had reason for pinning her faith to Nan Mackenzie. Her own story is astounding.

A professional singer, she was attacked some years ago by an internal complaint which led to progressive weakness. Because she could not stand the strain of rehearsals, she lost engagements. Then her voice failed and she had to quit the stage.

"The doctors could do nothing for me; I was dying," were her own words. "Then as a faint chance, a Spiritualist friend took me to Marylebone House.

"Mrs. Mackenzie performed a psychic operation there and then. Then medium put her hands round my neck. You know how it feels to have a tooth out with a local anaesthetic? It was like

By
JACK THOMAS

that. My whole neck and throat seemed to go numb and dead under her fingers.

"She removed her hands—and I found to my joy that I could sing again. My health improved from that moment."

It was these stories—and a dozen more like them—that sent me to Marylebone House. In a plainly furnished room on the first floor I met Mrs. Nan Mackenzie.

Guide Died 400 Years Ago

She is a dark-haired, North-country woman, thick-set, of middle height. Her pleasant face is remarkable only for unusually deep-set eyes. Her hands, rather large, brown, and capable motherly hands, rested loosely in her lap as she talked.

Unlike most spirit healers, Mrs. Mackenzie knows something about medicine. She is a State registered nurse and a qualified midwife. She was trained in a London hospital.

Strangely, she knows little about her Red Indian Spirit who, it is claimed, has snatched hundreds from the brink of the grave and given thousands more the health they never thought to possess.

"He passed on three or four hundred years ago as a young man of 30," she said. "He is a Red Indian, but I do not know his tribe. I do not bother him with such questions. It is enough that he uses me for his great healing work. When he is here I am in a trance. If I wish to ask him something I have to do it through my husband."

Mrs. Mackenzie sinks into the deep sleep called a trance before beginning a healing session. Her spirit, she claims, leaves her body, which is then taken over and controlled entirely by Running Water. It is he alone who diagnoses a patient's condition; he alone who performs the healing "miracles." When the power leaves her and she awakes, Mrs. Mackenzie knows nothing of what has happened, cannot even tell you the number of patients who have been treated.

I have seen many mediums entering the trance state. Sometimes as they slip into unconsciousness, their limbs twitch convulsively. They moan as if in pain. Their breathing becomes stertorous. Then, at last, comes the deep sleep and the spirit change is effected. The medium's spirit is freed to wander on another plane. The body is "controlled" by some other entity.

The second time I met Mrs. Mackenzie she was already in a trance, treating a woman patient.

As I entered the dim-lit cubicle in the healing room, she swung round abruptly on her low stool. Her eyes were light-closed. Her head was tilted in a curious "listening" attitude.

The voice of Running Water spoke—"You have come to see our work. That is good."

The tones were deeper, more resonant, than those of Nan Mackenzie. The accent was not English. It was not like that of any North American Indian I have known—and I have met more than a few. I cannot place it.

The face of Nan Mackenzie was as I remembered it. The most significant change was in her hands. At our first meeting they had looked puny, "motherly." Now they were long, brown, claws that tipped fiercely. In swift decisive strokes along the patient's spine, each stroke ended in a queer flick of the wrist. It was as if the me-

dium were clawing the pain out, then shaking it from her finger tips.

Her Headache Vanished

The patient was a migraine sufferer. She had never attended a healing centre before. A non-Spiritualist, she seemed frightened by her first contact with the spirits. But when she stood up at the end of the treatment she said her blinding headache had gone.

In the next cubicle I met again Christine Sparham, the 11-year-old blind girl whose story I told you last week. She had been sent to Marylebone House by Harry Edwards, and appears to

be making good progress. The healer who now sits after her thus no doubt that she will eventually see perfectly.

Like all the healing band, with the exception of Mrs. Mackenzie, who, though she makes no charge for her services, is a professional medium, this grey-haired man who is looking after the original no powers of diagnosis but works entirely under the powers of Running Water.

Cured By Telephone

I watched another healer working on the hand of an elderly woman injured in a factory accident.

I was told that when this woman first came to Marylebone House her hand—which was trapped in a machine—was useless. The fingers were tightly clenched and locked. Now they are yielding to manipulative treatment, soon she will be able to work again.

From the healers themselves, from the patients, and from the words of patients I heard of many strange cases—of men and women on the point of death from "incurable" diseases who, as a result of Running Water's intervention, are now walking, about cured; of others who, given up by orthodox doctors as on the way back to full health.

I am bound to say that where I have been able to check these cases with the doctors concerned the verdict has been: "The improvement could have been expected with ordinary medical treatment."

Without his knowledge, I rang up Marylebone House. "Ask Running Water to see what he can do," I said. I gave the child's name and age. The time was midday.

At 4.30 p.m. I phoned my friend and asked how the little girl was feeling.

And this is the actual reply: "Oh, she's doing fine. She woke out of a good sleep at half-past two, and immediately demanded custard and sponge cake. Now she's sitting up in bed, playing with her toys. I never saw such a change in a kiddie."

"She hasn't been sick since about the time I spoke to you this morning."

Next day the little girl was up and about again.

Now for a case I have checked very thoroughly.

According to the doctors, Mrs. M. Hawker, a well-known psychic researcher, should have died in 1940. At the age of 33 she was stricken with a creeping paralysis, and in 1938 her doctor said she could not live more than two years.

Mrs. Hawker went to Nan Mackenzie. "I was treated by Running Water for two years," she says. "I am no longer a helpless cripple. I can get about."

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Who Are The Future Judges Of Judah?

Who are the future Judges of Judah?

Many observers (including intellectual Jews from all Europe) say their leaders in the Jewish Agency, which has acted as the advisory "Government" to the British Mandatory Power, are not the best that Jewry can produce.

They lack the ability to be statesmen as opposed to politicians. They are not great personalities when compared to other world leaders. They are provincial in outlook.

All this excluding ageing, all this, for instance, Dr Chaim Weizmann, of course.

There are great Jewish minds who support Zionism, but they prefer to stay outside Palestine and its limited opportunities.

A schoolboy with a low I.Q. could name six outstanding world personalities who are Jews—but who remain in the United States, Britain, the Dominions, or Europe. But what the local leaders of Palestine Jewry might lack in great ability they make up for in amazing enthusiasm and ambition.

They are convinced that they are the successors to the Kings and Judges of Judah.

They even have their men chosen for future Ministers Plenipotentiary to the Court of St. James's, to Washington, to the Kremlin, to the world's capitals.

Greek Student

"Prime Minister" is David Ben Gurion, more properly called chairman of the Jewish Agency. Plutarch records that Plutarch learned Greek at the age of 80. Ben Gurion, undisputed leader of Palestine Jewry's Labour, is 60 and has been learning Greek for some years.

This is no bad. Even the almost shock proof members of Palestine's war-time censorship censored to be surprised at the quantities of Greek texts in fine editions that came steadily through the post for him. He wants to go to original sources of philosophy.

Though his abounding energy is not always controlled, it is powerful enough to call for adjectives like "dynamic" or even

"elemental." He is a politician, however, and not a statesman. A great orator, a hopeless diplomat. Some Jews would forcibly prevent him from appearing before committees of inquiry as Zionism's spokesman. His high-pitched voice is a buzz-saw screech on an insomniac, his aggressiveness is the violent sting of a horse fly to a bad-tempered mule. His face is red, cherubic. His hair white.

Strong Man

Ben Gurion is, nevertheless, a strong man. Born in Poland, he came to Palestine 40 years ago. He worked as a labourer and watchman on kibbutzim (Jewish communal farming settlements).

In the first years of World War I, he was studying law at the University of Constantinople. In 1915 the Turks kicked him out of Palestine because he supported the Allies.

From then on he has had a career much like Ernest Bevin's (Britain's Foreign Minister). From the beginnings of the Jewish trade union movement in Palestine to political power as chairman of the Jewish Agency, he has moved along his Socialist-Zionist path to dominance today.

During World War II, he directed the war effort of Palestine Jewry's trade unions. But he never lost sight of his political aims.

"We will fight the British Government's White Paper of 1939 (limiting Jewish immigration and Jewish land purchase in Palestine) as if there was no war, and we will fight it as if there was no White Paper," he declared.

After V.J. Day it was he who raised the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine to the top of Zionist policy. His path to political dominance here today has been over the bruised bodies of lesser men. His weapons? Political acumen, bullying, pig-headed obstinacy? That's what some Jews say, at any rate....

Moshe Shertok

Less temperamental than Ben Gurion, Jess detached than Dr. Weizmann (the veteran doctor, best tip for first president of a Jewish State) is Socialist leader Moshe Shertok.

He was among those rounded-up on July 29, 1940, and put protesting into a truck in his pyjamas for detention in Latrun. He is the brains of political Zionism today. He has a political training grasp of principles and a great capacity for detail.

Sallow complexion, quiet voice, suave, self-composed, Shertok can make a political speech in eight languages.

He was born in Russia, and came to Palestine when he was 12. His family settled in the Arab village of Ein Siniya, near Jerusalem.

He picked up Arabic as easily as many people would pick a pump, and is reported to have become liaison officer between his family and their Arab neighbours.

Those same Arabs were supporters of the ex-Mufti, Haj Amin el Husseini, and were in the forefront of the Arab Revolt, 1936-39; they are still Shertok's friends.

When his family moved in 1909 to a village that was the nucleus of today's bustling Tel-Aviv, Shertok went to study law in Constantinople. He was conscripted into the Turkish Army when World War I began, and served as an officer against the Allies until 1918.

He went to London to study economics for five years in 1924. He eventually became head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, equivalent of Foreign Minister in a shadow cabinet. He believes in Arab-Jewish co-operation.

Dynamo

In World War II, he was on the side of the Allies, and was the dynamo behind Jewish recruitment for the British Army. His long tours of the fronts to visit Jewish soldiers in Palestine were away too long, too often, they thought.

But today Moshe Shertok is an embittered man. He does not forgive the British for detaining him four months in 1940 in Latrun (where, incidentally, Nazi and Fascist spies were detained).

Foreign Minister of a Jewish State he will be an astute customer to deal with....

Then there is Mrs. Golda Meyerson—a disciplinarian, a tough nut. She is in the Political Department under the direct, general eye of Moshe Shertok (who spent most of his time in New York).

Mrs. Meyerson is the direct, and one of the few links between the Jewish Agency and the British Mandatory Government. She sits for an hour each week to the High Commissioner, Sir Alan Cunningham, at Government House, on the Mount of Olives, overlooking the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

O'Dowd Gallagher

In this article discusses the personalities that dominate the Jewish world in Palestine.

They speak behind closed doors, blunt loud spoken Mrs. Meyerson, kindly, sympathetic, bachelor Sir Alan, who uneasily sits in Plutarch's seat.

Trade Unionist

She speaks fluent English with an American accent, and dominates her department with school-marmish efficiency. No longer young, stout, and of striking plainness, with a blacksmith's arms, she won her background in Palestine's trade unions.

She was born in Kiev 49 years ago, and went to the United States when she was eight. She began work as a student teacher—and developed an interest in politics.

In World War I, she did relief work and was an active member of the Zionist Socialist Party of the United States. She came to Palestine at 23 and worked as a labourer on a communal farm.

She rose rapidly until today she almost shares leadership of Palestine's Jewish Labour Party, the strongest party here. She is immensely popular and is best tip for a future Jewish Home Secretary.

Among her startling accomplishments—hitherto quite unsuspected—is the throwing of political cocktail parties.

She makes her guests feel at home by her confident take-home-it-or-leave-it attitude, standing, often enough, with massively plump arms folded and gazing directly into a guest's eyes as she talks.

These three—Ben Gurion, Shertok, Mrs. Meyerson—dominate the political scene. They have their rivals and detractors, but they are impotent when faced with the background of Jewish trade unionism, for whom the three stand. Who comes next and not so surely for Jewish Cabinet rank? Who runs for Ministers of Defence and for Public Works?

Haganah Leader

For Defence, heavy-jowled, mustached Moshe Shertok, probably. He was pictured in the papers in November 1946 above the caption—"Haganah Leader in Britain."

When British security forces swooped on the Jewish Agency on June 29, 1940, Shertok was sleeping in a friend's flat.

He did not wait to hear if he was "wanted," took an aircraft from France from Lydda airfield. By good fortune, he had booked a seat the previous day for a routine visit to Paris.

That was a bad slip for Britain's security forces in Palestine, because Shertok was leader of Haganah, the Jewish Agency's official but nevertheless illegal (in British eyes) army.

He is 59, and a Pole. He began adult life as a student of medicine, but threw it up for journalism. He became leader of the Conservative General Zionist Organization in Poland.

When World War II broke he was in London and hurried by aircraft to Warsaw, where he enlisted in the Polish Army. He served as an officer on special duty with irregular Jewish units and was taken prisoner by the Russians. He escaped to Lithuania thence to France, and thence to Palestine in 1940.

He was elected to leadership of the General Zionist Party (middle-class Conservatives supported by wealthy Americans and South Africans). Thereafter his activities seem obscure.

During the war he was reportedly organizing recruits for sabotage behind the enemy lines. At the beginning of 1940 he was reportedly Haganah's Chief of Staff, responsible to the Jewish Agency for Jewish militia.

Whether there are some personalities in Haganah whose names are kept secret will remain unknown unless there is a Jewish State. Meantime, providing Shertok's Right-wing sympathies prove compatible with the trade unionist ideas, he will probably run for Israel's first Defence Minister.

A Character

Neither politician nor member of the Jewish Agency's Executive, David HaCohen is a "character" even in Palestine, a country rich in characters drawn from all levels of all Europe.

His blunt, callous and calculated dropped breaks are a screen for rare good nature and outstanding organizing ability. He is the Haganah's Haganah.

also rounded up in June 1940 and sent to Latrun for four months. His remarks at the time of his arrest are unforgettable. Aged 49, he, too, was born in Russia, and came to Palestine in 1907. He studied at a village school near the site of Tel-Aviv. Later he went to Constantinople's Military Academy, and to London University after World War I.

Today his name, David HaCohen, means primarily "Solei Conon"—the building contracting firm that is made up of many trade union owned organisations on the General Federation of Jewish Labour.

He was its co-founder, and is still chairman of the board. Under HaCohen's direction, Solei Conon built several vital military works in Palestine during World War II.

It was to HaCohen that GHQ Middle East turned for skilled artisans for work outside Palestine.

None To Compete

On his initiative, Solei Conon detached hundreds of its best men to form a special Jewish unit known as 475 Artisan Works Company, R.E., which executed a series of important constructions from Suez to Tripoli and on to Northern Italy during four years of the war.

HaCohen organised specialised workers for Abadan's oil refineries, without whom quantities of aviation spirit could not have been produced in the Middle East. At a critical moment of the war, he organised, on behalf of and under the general supervision of the British, sabotage and intelligence work against the Vichy French in Syria and the Levant generally.

There is none to compete with HaCohen if or when the Jews get a State in Palestine for the job of Minister of Public Works.

These are the outstanding known Jewish leaders in Palestine. The possible future Judges of Judah.

All told, there are 20 members of the Jewish Agency Executive stationed in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, London, Washington, Paris, and elsewhere.

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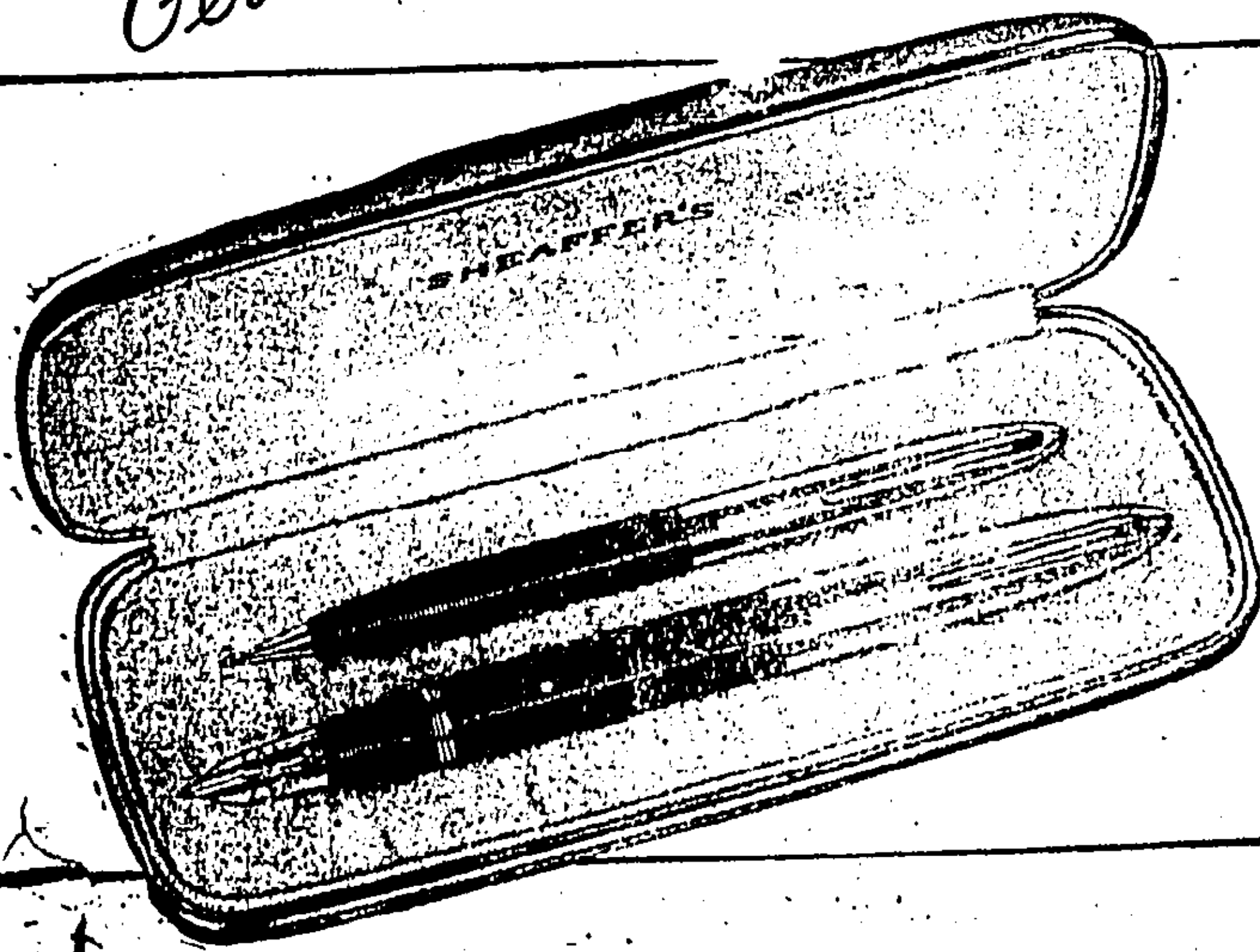


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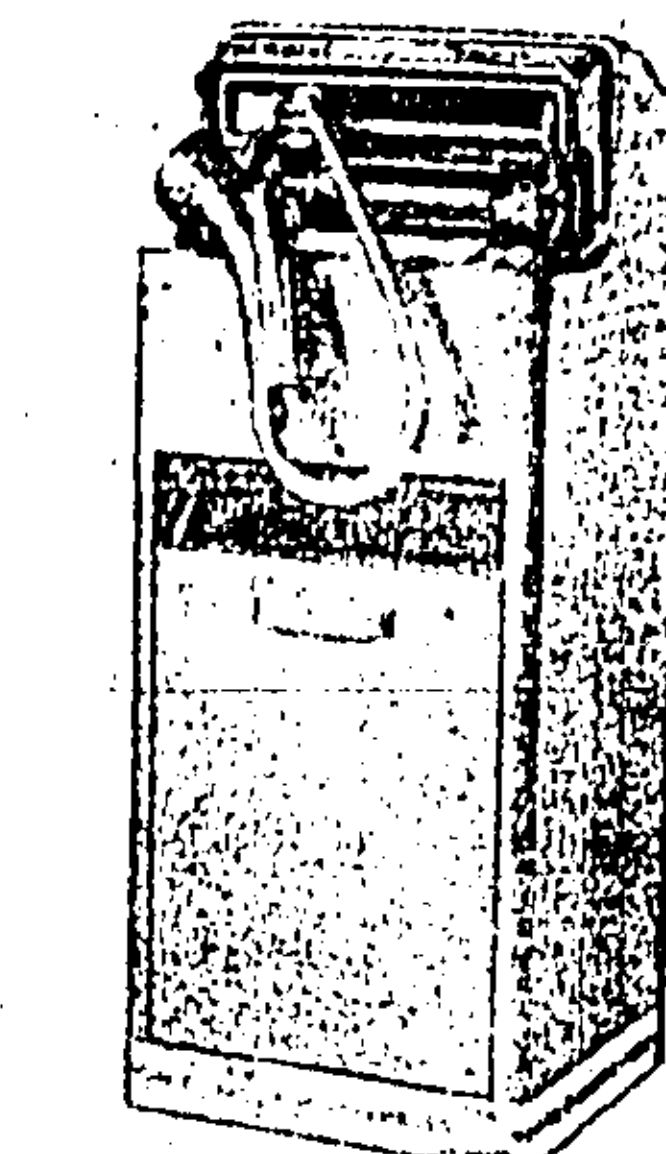
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French Workers Break From Reds

Organised Labour In Two Camps

Paris, Dec. 19.

Leaders of the anti-Communist labour movement, representing more than a million French workers, voted today by an overwhelming majority to break away from the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour.

Their decision splits the French trade union movement from top to bottom.

The split will also tend to range French organised labour in two camps on international questions—those who follow Soviet Russia in foreign affairs and those who support the West and the Marshall Plan.

It is bound to sharpen the threatening conflict in the World Federation of Trade Unions between supporters of the Marshall Plan and those who support the Cominform attack on the Plan.

Trade Union co-operation in implementing the Marshall Plan is on the agenda of the World Federation's next Executive meeting in February.

Jouhaux Resigns

Only two days ago the General Council of the British Trade Union Congress instructed its delegates to support the American Congress of Industrial Organizations in suggesting such co-operation. The Russian union and the Communist leaders of the French and Italian unions are expected to oppose it.

Leaders of the breakaway movement were meeting tonight to discuss the formation of a "new and politically independent central trade union organisation."

The five non-Communist members of the Executive Committee of the Confederation Generale du Travail, including M. Leon Jouhaux, joint secretary, sent letters of resignation immediately after the decision to break away.

Leaders of the new movement consider that very soon they can count on at least two million workers in all important sections of organised labour.

The breakaway resolution voted today denounced the "brutalities and grave acts of violence committed against the workers who exercising their absolute right as workers, expressed themselves opposed to a political strike."

Extortion

"Such extortionate acts," it declared, "threatened to dishonour the trade union movement if they were allowed to pass without protest. The conference will lay before public opinion the facts which it has in its possession in connection with these abuses."

"Conscious of the value of trade union unity, noting that this unity has already been disrupted by massive breakaways due to the policy followed by the majority elements, and noting likewise that the minority elements of the Executive Committee are henceforward within the CGT organisation, this conference considers that the real general federation of workers

New Soviet Minister

London, Dec. 20.

M. V. A. Malyshev has been appointed Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R., Moscow Radio said tonight.

M. Malyshev is also Minister of the transport and machine-building industry.

The Soviet Council of Ministers (Cabinet) consists of some seventy to eighty members, including about 12 deputy chairmen.

Generalissimo Stalin is Chairman of the Council of Ministers. The other deputy chairmen include the Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, the Minister of Foreign Trade, M. Anastas Mikoyan, and the Civil War veteran, Marshal Klementi Voroshilov.—Reuter.

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Colonial Tariff Suspended

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20. THE STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD ACCEDDED TO BRITAIN'S REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF THE SECTION OF THE NEW TARIFF AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES WHICH REDUCED THE EMPIRE PREFERENCE ON COLONIAL RUBBER.

The Department explained that Section C of Schedule 19 said concessions could be made inoperative in the event that United States regulations require consumption of over a certain percentage of general purpose synthetic rubber.

"The Department also said. 'The provisions of the undertaking did not become clear until after the close of the Geneva conference.' It said the United States had agreed to the suggestion because of the British 'misunderstanding.' It added that the section would be renegotiated at a later date.—United Press.

NEW REGIME TO RECOGNISED?

London, Dec. 20.

Britain is discussing with various interested governments, including the United States, France and India, whether or not the new regime in Siam under Marshal Pibul should be recognised, the Foreign Office spokesman stated today.

Marshal Pibul seized power on Nov. 9.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons said that the political developments, which have taken place in Siam are being followed with attention by the Government, "who are naturally anxious about any occurrence which might compromise the restoration of stability in South-east Asia."—Reuter.

ONLY ON SUNDAYS

Singapore, Dec. 20. A 30-year-old Chinese woman, an all-time record holder, was today crowned Miss Singapore for 1947. She is Miss Tan Yee Sang, 30, of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

DONE A GOOD JOB

Washington, Dec. 20. The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, today returned from the annual, casual London Conference and reported that he was "sorry" that he could not bring back "profitable results."

When Marshall stepped from his plane at the National airport after it landed at 9 a.m. EST, he was met with a firm hand grasp from President Truman, who assured him that he had done a "good job."—United Press.

EXECUTED

Athens, Dec. 20.

Twenty-one persons convicted of subversive activities were executed today in Volos and Salonika.—Associated Press.

Officer's Gallant Attempt

LONDON, DEC. 20.

SMASH AND GRAB THIEVES WHO THREW A BRICK INTO THE SHOP WINDOW OF HERSON AND SONS, JEWELLERS IN EARL'S COURT ROAD, KENSINGTON, WERE TACKLED BY AN ARMY OFFICER WHO WAS DRAGGED ALONG THE ROAD BY THEIR CAR AS THEY DROVE OFF.

Lt. Cernof Zavala-Suarez, of Earl's Court, chased the men as they ran towards their car. He seized one man and smashed the gramophone record which he had just bought in his face. The second man leaped out of the moving car and pulled his companion inside.

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EUROPE POLITICAL VACUUM Must Be Filled By Healthy Continent Clear Cut Issue Before World

Washington, Dec. 20.
Secretary of State George Marshall said last night that a political vacuum exists in Europe and unless it is filled "by the restoration of a healthy Europe it does not appear possible that paper agreements can assure a lasting peace."

Reporting on the break-up of the Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting in London, Marshall said in a nationwide broadcast that the issue between the Western powers and Soviet Russia on European recovery was "clear cut."

"I fear there can be no settlement until the coming months demonstrate whether or not the civilisation of Western Europe will prove vigorous enough to rise above the destructive effects of the war and restore a healthy society," he said.

"Officials of the Soviet Union and leaders of the Communist parties, openly predict that this restoration will not take place. We, on the other hand, are confident in the rehabilitation of Western European civilisation with its freedoms."

Real Difficulty

"Not until the result of this struggle becomes clearly apparent, there will continue to be a very real difficulty to resolve, even on paper, agreed terms for a treaty of peace."

AUSSIE WHEAT FOR BRITAIN

London, Dec. 20.
Britain should not have to ask the United States for any wheat in this crop year.

The Food Minister, Mr. Strachey, gave this news in the Commons when he provided details of an Australian wheat contract which was announced yesterday in Melbourne.

He said: "Negotiations for the purchase of wheat by the United Kingdom Government from the Australian Government have been completed. The contract is for one year and covers 80,000,000 bushels of wheat."

—Reuter.

Pension Rights Of Deserters

LONDON, DEC. 20.
IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY, COLONEL A. GOMMIE DUNCAN, CONSERVATIVE, PERTH, APPEARED TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE RESTORATION OF PENSION AND GRATUITY RIGHTS FOR MEN SENTENCED FOR DESERTION WHO THROUGH DEATH IN ACTION WERE UNABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR SIX MONTHS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WHICH WOULD ENTITLE THEM TO SUCH RESTORATION.

Mr. Michael Stuart, Under-Secretary for War, said that deserters fell into two groups, those who had no sense of obligation to the community and those who by extreme domestic hardship were forced to forget their oath to the State.

The War Office had tried to modify the law to meet cases of individual merit. In order to get a gratuity at all, a man must have held at least six months reasonable service within the period from the beginning of the war to August 1946.

—Reuter.

Gasperi Gets Vote

Rome, Dec. 20.
Premier Alcide De Gasperi, harassed by leftist criticism and denunciation, was given a new vote of confidence in the Constituent Assembly last night after the second outbreak of violence in two days.

HE DOESN'T LIKE THEM

Singapore, Dec. 20.
A charge that the Government of Singapore and the Malayan Union are "extraneous, extravagant and bureaucratic" was made on the second anniversary of the founding of the Malayan Democratic Union by Philip Hoellim, the organisation's Chairman.

"The people who govern Malaya are first-rate bunglers," he said. "This is one of the many reasons why we want to govern ourselves."

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Tommies' Farewell To New Delhi

New Delhi, Dec. 20.
The last British troops to leave Delhi, capital of former British India and of the present Dominion of India, where a British garrison has been stationed for 90 years, took part in a farewell parade here today.

Earl Mountbatten, Governor-General of India, took the salute of 50 men from each of the 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers and the 2nd Royal Lancashire Regiment, both of which have long associations with Delhi. In the foreground of the parade were the two companies of the 1st Battalion of the 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers, who were the last to leave the city.

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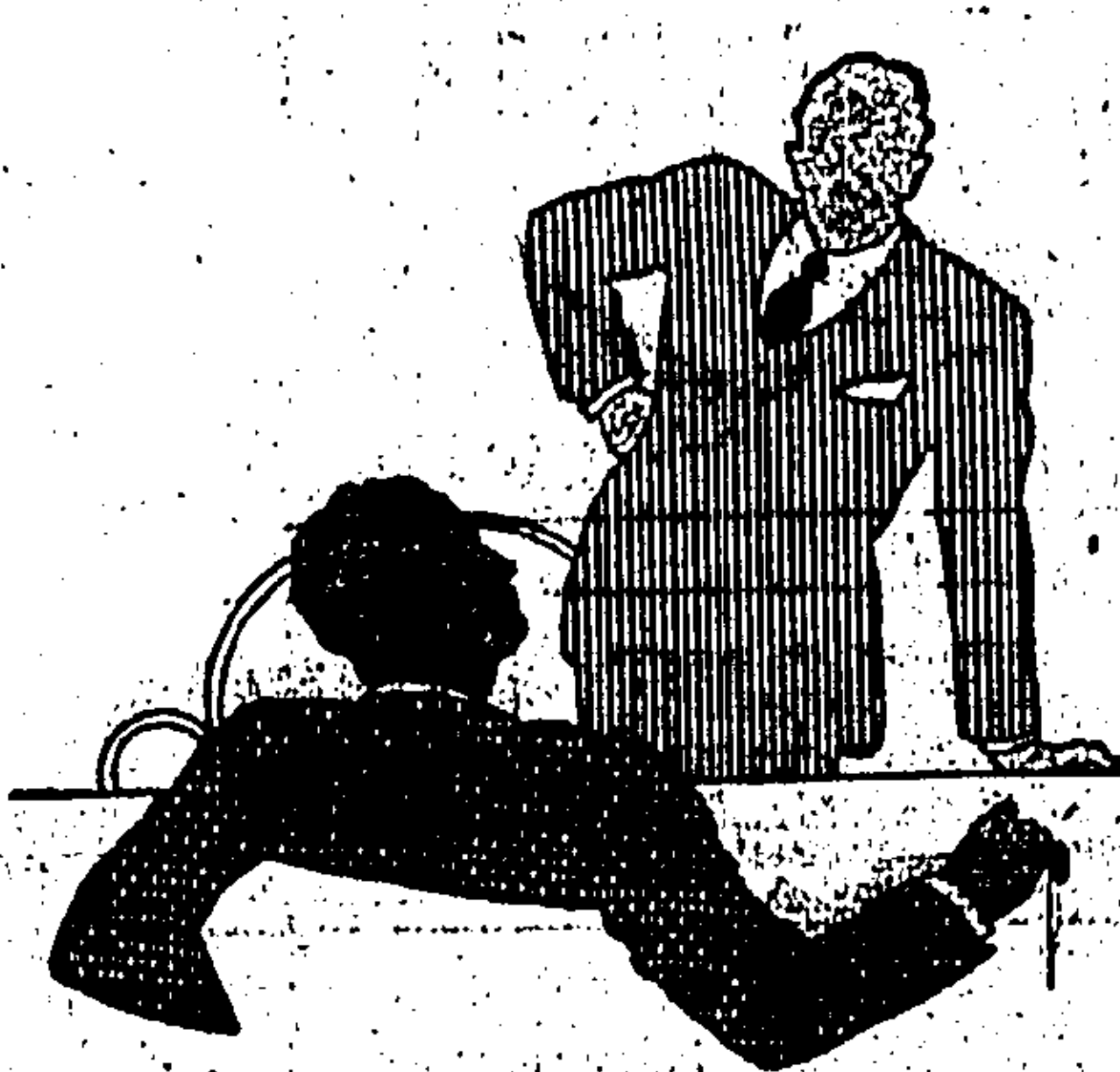
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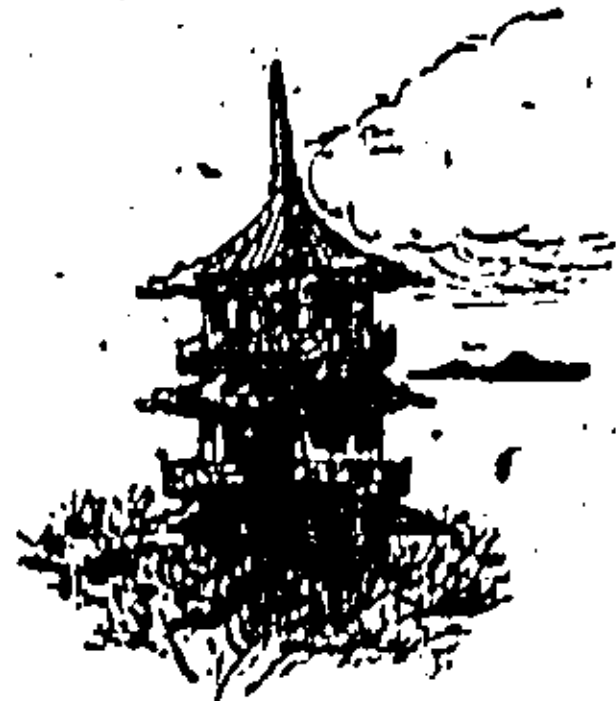


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MEN, WOMEN AND MEMORIES

CHURCHILL, BENES AND CHEESE

By Atticus

Millions of people, not only in the Empire, but also in the liberated countries of Europe, sent congratulations to Mr. Churchill on his seventy-third birthday.

Probably the most historically important of Mr. Churchill's birthdays was his sixty-ninth, which was spent at Tehran in the company of Stalin and Franklin Roosevelt. It was then that the decision was made to undertake the cross-Channel invasion in May of 1944. Mr. Churchill pleaded hard for an active Mediterranean strategy even if it were to delay the Second Front by a few weeks. Never perhaps was he more brilliant in his advocacy, but the effect of his oratory was deadened by the stolid translation of Mr. Pavlov, the Russian interpreter, who is today Counsellor of the Russian Embassy in London.

Mr. Churchill was defeated. President Roosevelt, advised by the American Chiefs-of-Staff, sided with Stalin who was interested only in a Second Front at the earliest moment.

American Second Thoughts

It has been the fate of Mr. Churchill to have been right too soon on several occasions. At Tehran all the Americans, including General Marshall, were against him. But by September, 1946, General Deane, Head of the American Military Mission to Russia, had begun to have serious doubts if, indeed he had not entirely changed his mind. In his "The Strange Alliance," much the most interesting of recent books on Russia he wrote: "From the political point of view hindsight on our part points to foresight on Churchill's part. It will always be debatable whether Churchill may not have been right even though the action he proposed, but an additional burden on our resources and probably would have prolonged the war."

Today, in 1947, there must be many American strategists who share General Deane's doubts. Incidentally, of the principal participants at the Tehran Conference only General Marshall and Mr. Molotov took part in the critical conference at Lancaster House.

President Benes's Health

I have reassuring news of President Benes, about whose health rumour has been very busy all over Europe ever since the summer. In July he suffered a good deal from the exception: heat, and had to rest, probably for the first time in his life. But stories that his physique and even his mind, have been permanently affected can be dismissed.

President Benes's health is a matter of concern to Europe. His country is on the very edge of the "Iron Curtain," and he himself is the one man of experience and strength of character who can maintain these democratic ideals which almost every Czech nourishes.

Recent events in Czechoslovakia have perturbed many people, but the latest developments are a little more encouraging. The Social-Democratic Party has changed its leader. The amiable but weak Mr. Fierlinger, who was in Moscow for most of the war and who advocated collaboration with the Communists, has been deposed and has been replaced by the energetic and more independent Mr. Lausman.

Thoughts on Cheese

The topsyturvydom induced by expert drives and other economic disturbances has extended to the gastronomical plane. Mr. Gunnar Myrdal, the Swedish economist and chairman of the United Nations European Economic Commission was half-amused and half-distressed when he told me this story.

In Paris he was invited to dinner by his fellow economist, M. Monnet. Towards the end of the meal his host apologised because he had none of the famous French Camembert cheese to offer. "But," he said, "I have some real English Stilton." Mr. Myrdal much enjoyed it.

Next day Mr. Myrdal flew to London, where his host was Sir Arthur Waley, of the British Treasury. At the cheese stage Sir Arthur, somewhat embarrassed, confessed that he had

none of Britain's specialties, such as Stilton, to offer. "But I have some real French Camembert," he said comfortably.

Beating All-Moscow

I could wish that Sir Godfrey Ince, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, and supremely competent organiser of our man-power during the last war, could have part in the conference of the Foreign Ministers. He is, I think, our only senior Civil Servant who has beaten the Russians on their own ground.

In May, 1914, he took a London University "soccer" side to Moscow. The Russians, not then up to the standard of the Dynamo but nevertheless competent enough to hold their own against other Continental sides, were determined to beat the Englishmen by a combination of skill and excessive entertainment. Young Mr. Ince, captain of the side and centre-forward, kept his head. The Englishmen played five matches in ten days and remained undefeated. The big match, kept to the last, was against All-Moscow. It was a close struggle, and in the last minutes the Englishmen won by an only goal scored by the present Sir Godfrey Ince.

Madame Le Ministre

Madame Germaine Poinso-Chapuis, the new French Minister of Health and Social Services, is not the first woman to be a Minister in France. There were three, including Madame Joliot Curie, in M. Blum's Gov-

ernment of 1938, and after the war Madame Pierre Vialonot was also a Minister.

But Madame Poinso-Chapuis is the first French woman to be given Cabinet rank. Forty-six years old, she is a lady of all the progressive talents. Born in Marseilles, she studied law and became a barrister at the age of twenty. She was adviser to professional women's unions, a leading French suffragette, and an active journalist. She has a good war record.

She has two children. The younger one was born last year just before the elections. She took him with her continued to feed him throughout a most energetic campaign and astonished and gratified her constituents by her eloquence. She has a sound knowledge of the feminist movement.

Grieg And Bagpipes

Reference recently to the Scottish ancestry of Edward Grieg the famous Norwegian composer, brought correspondence casting doubt on its accuracy. I have now received a further letter from Dr. Harald Grieg, the composer's descendant, which gives further information.

The head of the Norwegian Grieg was Alexander, Grieg, who went to Norway after fighting for the Sturris at Culloden. His original name was Macgregor, and Dr. Harald Grieg tells me that the Norwegian Grieg have permission to wear the Macgregor tartan. Alexander Grieg settled in Bergen and took up the export of lobsters to Scotland. He built his own schooner and in his later years crossed the North Sea every autumn in order to go to a Scottish kirk. He prospered and died a rich and respected citizen.

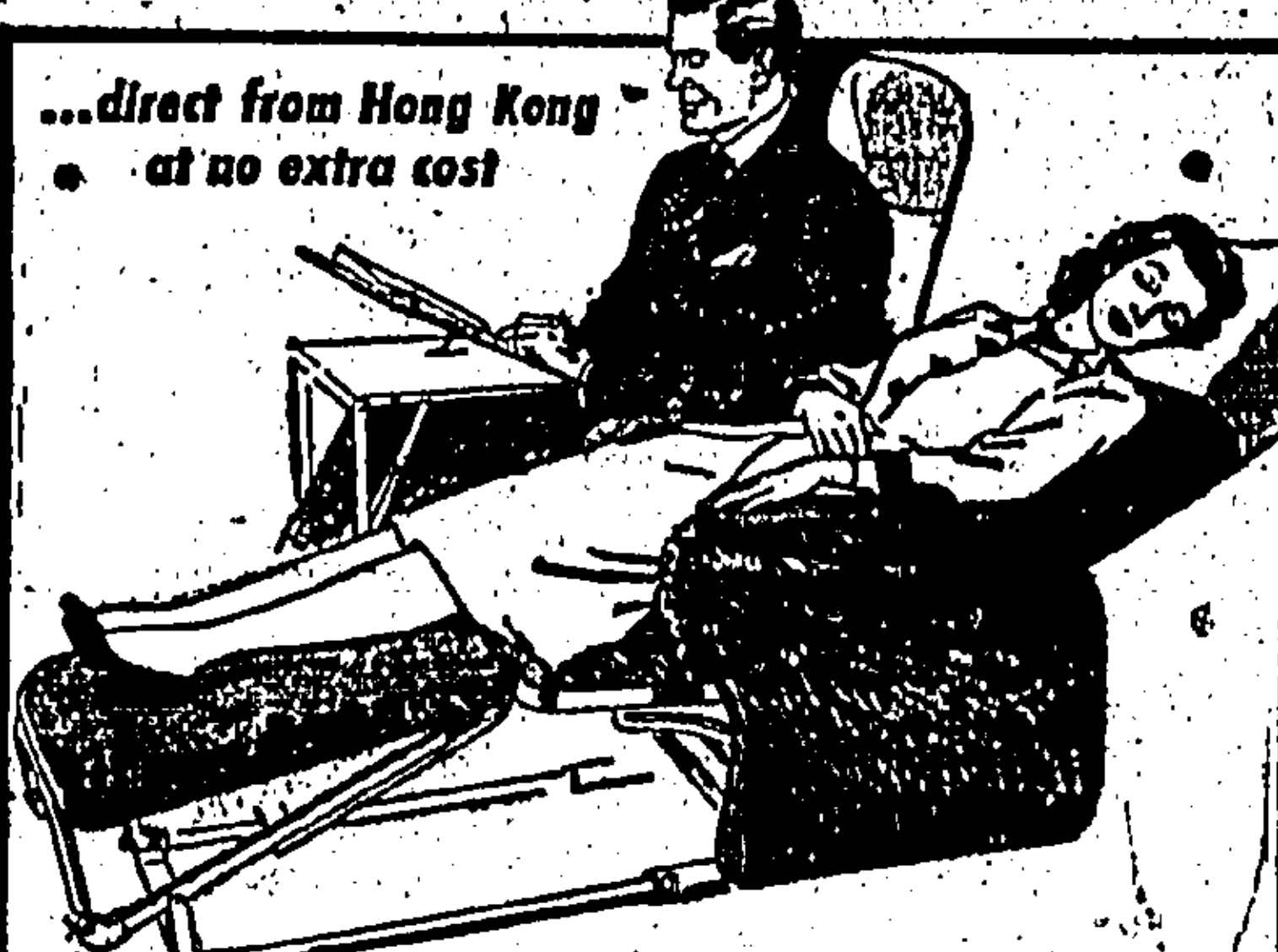
His descendants were also men of business, the one brilliant exception being Edward Grieg. The composer, Dr. Harald Grieg, tells me rather sadly, derived his genius from his mother's family, although there are Norwegians as well as Scots who profess to hear the sound of bagpipes in his music.



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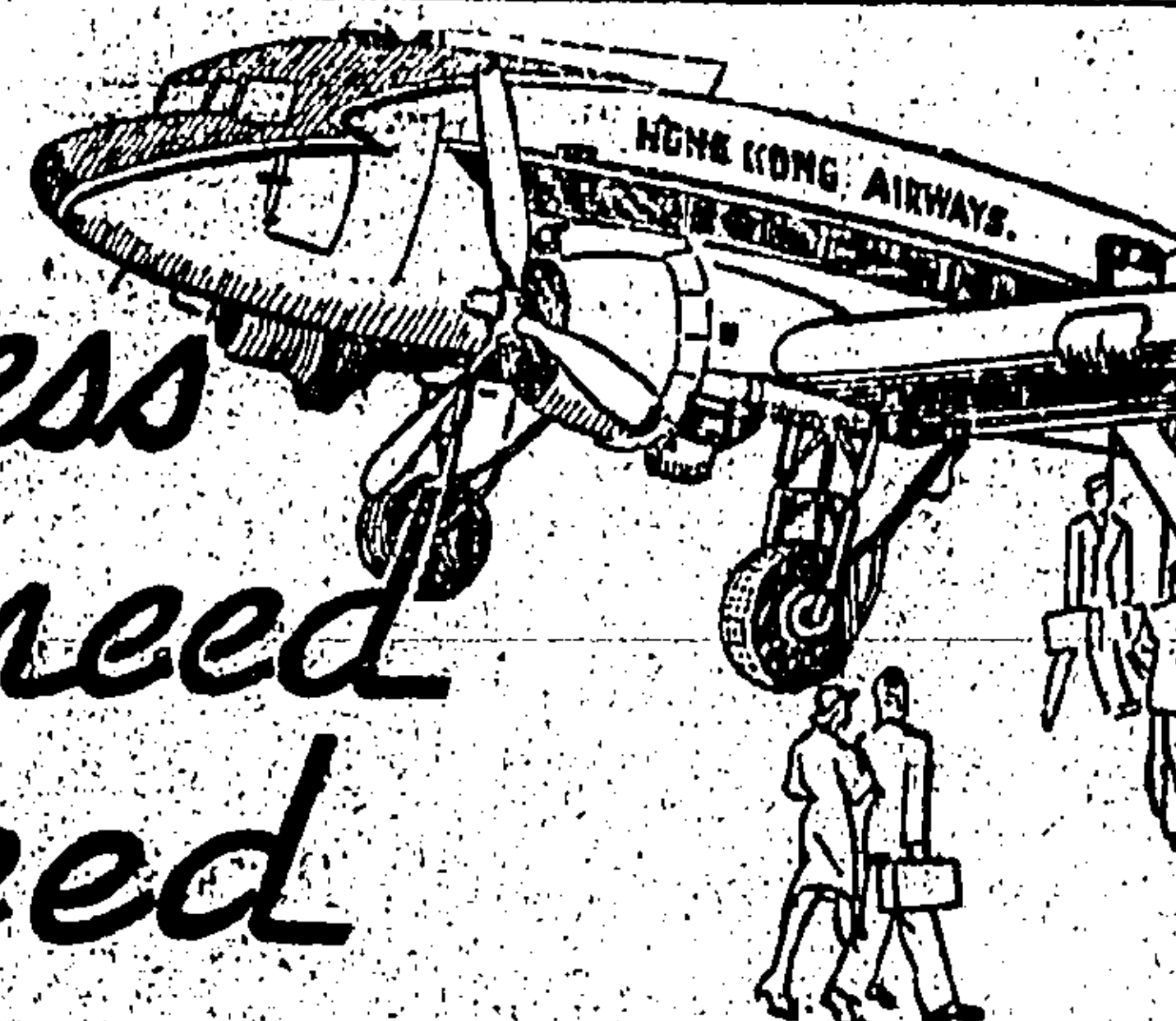
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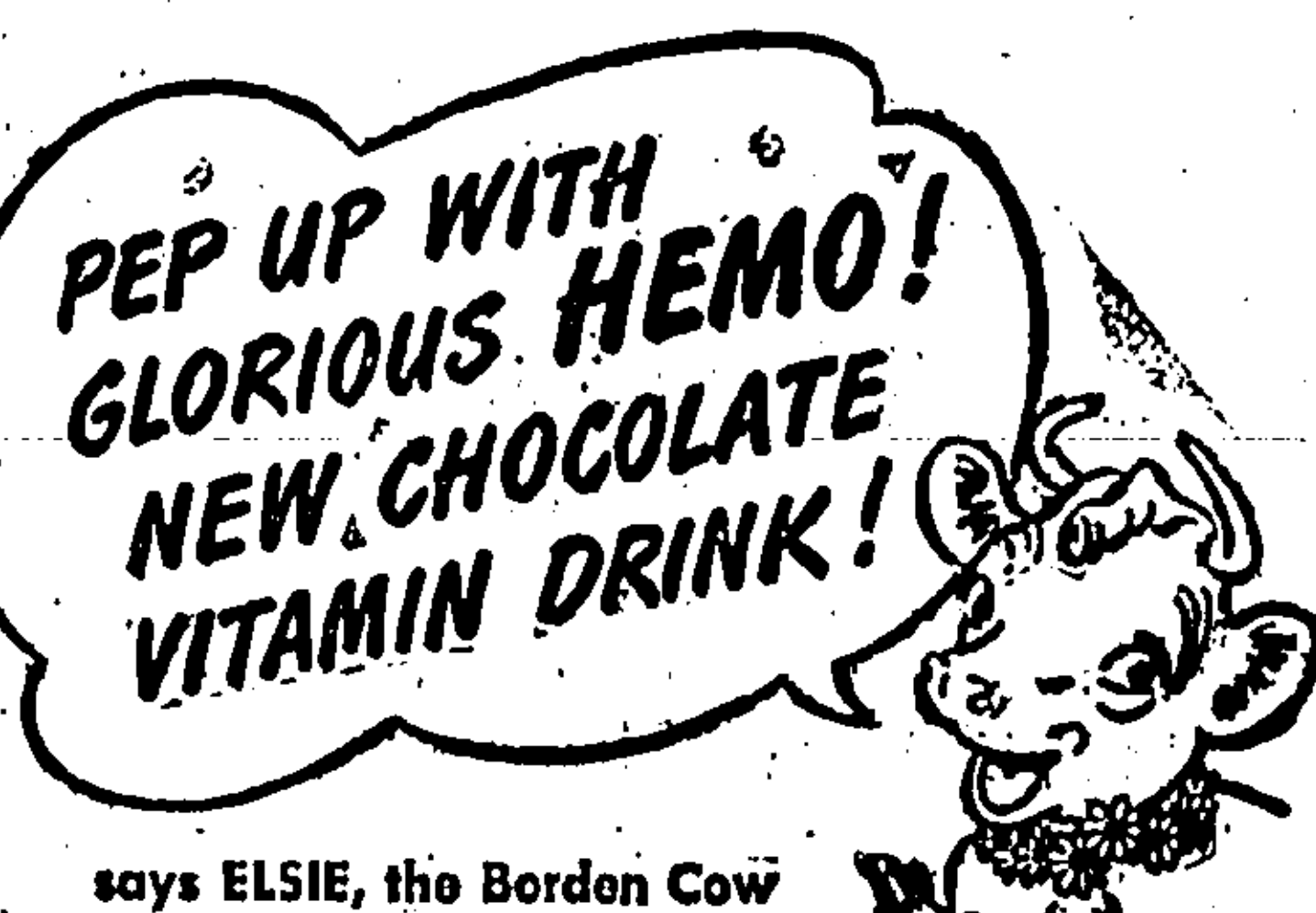
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The enormous funds poured into the country through the agency of UNRRA, which is closing its activities at the end of this year, have achieved little good. Corruption and mismanagement between them have, in fact, dissipated to a very considerable extent this notably large-scale effort. The civil war has completed the picture of futility. For America to persist in the bid to re-establish China's economy is a gesture of benevolence which China has done little herself to encourage. Severe trade restrictions which have failed utterly to check the flight from Chinese National Currency, perhaps contributed to it, irritating discriminations against foreign commercial undertakings; such events as the fishery scandal, hardly rank as inducements to further financial assistance.

It is true that the economic facts have been of small influence and that the world political situation alone explains America's ability to look upon China's effort in rehabilitation with an unclouded eye. Even so, it is difficult to believe that any long-range programme of aid will be drafted in Washington that does not include provision for a tighter surveillance over management than accompanied the UNRRA supply system.

Pouring more money into a bottomless drain can be of no service to China, nor to the foreign policy of the United States.

Underhanded

The facts have only to be stated to place on its proper footing the slash in the newspaper quotas of the "North China Daily News" and the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury."

"Outrageous and unjustified" are the mildest terms to employ. There is hardly the pretence that the cuts have been compelled by any consideration other than that of embarrassing the last two remaining foreign-owned newspapers in Shanghai.

Ostensibly, action was taken because they occasionally increase the number of their pages, but such a pretext does not stand up to examination when it is shown that the Chinese-owned English-language papers are larger, daily than either the "North China," or the "Post."

As Mr. Randall Gould says, it merely proves that not high piracy is conducted on the high seas.

War Memorial

Yesterday's flag day in aid of the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund appears to have enjoyed considerable success, though the total, whatever it may be, will do nothing to remedy the mistake involved in the Government's decision to cease its dollar for dollar contributions at the end of 1947.

Several generous donations, inspired by the warnings, have given the Fund a useful forward spurt in the last week, but there is ground for misgiving for feeling that this may not be altogether a good sign.

The danger is acute that public contributions will cease simultaneously with the Government's. And as there remain but ten days before the end of the year, three of them holidays, the Fund's final total, therefore, to fall gravely short of that required to meet the objectives envisaged when the Fund was opened.

The Battle For Europe By Scrutator

Between the "Conference of Foreign Ministers in London and the long agony of disorder which France has recently been traversing there is a very close connection. Both were phases in Russia's campaign to absorb Continental Europe and throw the English-speaking Powers out of it. The stake for which she was playing in the London conference-chamber was Germany; in the French strike-battles it was France. Neither conflict was timed as she wished. Her hand has been forced by the Western Allies and her chance of winning diminished thereby. Nevertheless, it was and probably still is on her part an all-out effort.

What forced her hand in regard to Germany, were the limitations from Washington and London after the completely barren Western Conference that the Western Powers were not to be trifled with indefinitely, and that unless the London Conference prove more fruitful, it would be the last. Russia showed no signs of letting it be more fruitful; and all Mr. Molotov's moves were directed not towards agreement with the Western Powers, but towards throwing on them the onus of disagreement. Often he was not really speaking to those in the room with him, but to two great public audiences outside—the Russian and the German. With the Russian we got no nothing; the iron curtain closes that. But the German is another matter.

What forced Russia's hand in regard to France were Mr. Marshall's economic proposals, whose object is to rescue France from her post-war economic misery and set her on her feet once more as an independent democratic nation. But that would be fatal to the hopes of Russia, which is working to deprive France of both democracy and independence and to convert her into a Communist satellite of the Soviets. Accordingly, from the moment that France became one of the sixteen European nations agreeing to the Marshall Plan, it has been Russia's aim to hurry her into Communism, before the Plan's operation could enable her to resist it.

The Communist Grip
The machinery employed was in the first instance trade unionism. Before 1949 Russia had bought her way to a strong position in the world of French trade union officials; and ever since the war ended she has been busy roving and extending it. Votes taken at the C.G.T. (the French labour union) in recent weeks have shown about four-fifths of the official representatives there to be Communists. These men do slavishly enough what Moscow orders; and the character of French trade unionism, which is much more oligarchic in structure and violent in method than British, has enabled them to launch political strikes even at a time when the vast majority of French trade unionists had, like the rest of the population, grown tired of them. Votes taken in their favour were by show of hands; those taken by ballot have been nearly always against them.

A like campaign with similar objects was opened in Italy, in both countries the widespread economic misery resulting from an unstable currency and a "vicious spiral" made it easy to cloak political motives with economic pretences. Men fancied that they were striking for higher wages; whereas the real motives of those who had called them out were to weaken or to crush the Government and put a Communist Government in its place. In France the Ramadier Cabinet resigned. M. Ramadier's position was undermined by a large section of his own, the Socialist party, which apparently expected the Communists to win, and wished to be on the side of the victors. The shock was severe, but the headstrong vessel righted itself. The veteran Socialist leader, M. Blum, bid for the Premiership, but failed to secure the Assembly's sanction. The Premiership went instead to M. Schuman of the M.R.P., who exhibited both tact and vigour. The majority which he secured for his Anti-Sabotage Bill included nearly the whole Assembly except the Communists.

Meanwhile, the Communists of the C.G.T., seeing the strike-wave begin to ebb, tried to avenge failure by multiplying acts of violence and sabotage. Mines, docks and railways were their best targets. If they were yet to achieve a social breakdown; and a series of fights took place for pitheads, stations and post-offices. Worst of all, they turned to the most criminal form of sabotage; and almost simultaneously in seven places for apart rails were removed or loosened from important railway tracks. The result in the worst of the seven cases was a train disaster costing over twenty lives. Obviously these crimes were organised, and some of them were visibly the work of experts. In the only case where suspicion has been directed, they proved to be Communist railwaymen, who said they had carried out an order from the central strike committee.

Hopes Of Victory
It seems premature to regard the outcome as decided, while so much revolutionary violence continues. Yet the temper of the French people as a whole appears to be anti-revolutionary and anti-strike; nor indeed could one otherwise explain the overwhelming vote of the Assembly for M. Schuman's Bill. After all, France has for three-quarters of a century been a constitutional country with a tradition of law and order and personal security; and the campaign of the Communists, which outrages all these things, seems on a sober reckoning not only to be defeated, but to cover its authors with obloquy. Moreover, the probability is that events in Italy will follow suit.

and in paying for such help. Reports to Congress on the operation of the programme would be made available to the U.N. and agreements between the U.S. and participating countries would be registered with the U.N. if required by the U.N. Charter.

Chances of success: The State Department says "A programme of U.S. assistance to European recovery can do no more than provide the promise of recovery. It cannot assure recovery." That, the Department says, depends finally upon the people of Europe themselves.

The outlook for the legislation in Congress: Long hearings and hot debate over both the amount of money proposed and the plans for running the programme.

What sort of help?—For the most part, commodities of a great variety, ranging from wheat to coal-mining machinery. These commodities would be purchased outside the U.S.A., especially from other western hemisphere countries as far as possible, in order to prevent this country from running short. Loans, as well as outright grants, are proposed.

What the participating countries must promise: To sign agreements with the U.S.A. undertaking to build their own farming and industry, stabilize their currency, and cooperate among themselves to help themselves to supply the U.S. with reasonable amounts of raw materials for stock-piling purposes; to "pay" for what they get by setting aside funds in their own currencies to be spent only with U.S. approval; to report each quarter what they have done with their aid. Where the United Nations (U.N.) is the President is authorizing to ask help from the U.N. or any of its agencies in carrying out the programme.

"THE COLONEL"

By H. G. W. Woodhead, CBE

So the controlling interest in the China Mail has been acquired by Colonel Robert R. McCormick. I heard this from three "reliable" sources on Thursday, so it must be true!

No-one aware of the "Colonel's" brief visit to Hongkong can have suspected that this was its purpose. He was entertained at a large British party, and at Government House, and next day Hongkong was regaled in the afternoon paper with an interview in which he stated why he hated the British. "The reason I am anti-British" he said, "is because I resent their impudence—their arrogance." He went on to deprecate the British Empire's war effort, to revile England for not having "pursued her own interests" by going to war, since they "had no reason for going to war."

The "Colonel" admitted having gone to school—"an aristocratic school"—in England, and to having acquired a liking for cricket. Apparently he did not learn that in England it is not considered "cricket" to neglect hospitality, and then publicly to revile one's host in his own domain.

The only thing that seems to have impressed him favourably in Hongkong was our roads. That they should ever have been built, he could not understand. "I suppose Chinese labour is cheap."

Malicious Twist

Arriving at Manila next day, the "Colonel" told readers of his *Chicago Tribune* his considered views upon Hongkong. He, not unjustly, condemned our airfield. But thereafter most of his comment were plain "poppycock." Facts were maliciously twisted to conform to his anti-British bias. The British forces here in 1941 were depicted as a pack of cowards who by making "an unnecessary surrender" made available "all the force of the great Japanese" to destroy the devoted Americans betrayed on Bataan.

An one who—as a recent issue of *Time* put it—"is not sure that his own equal in military knowledge has existed since Hannibal" who actually has claimed that he introduced military training into American schools, introduced the automatic rifle into the American Army, was the first ground officer to go up into the air to observe artillery fire, and got the U.S. Marines out of Shanghai, the "Colonel" was naturally able as a result of a two-day visit to this Colony to explain how it ought to have been defended. "The defence against the Japanese was as discreditable as anything in the Colony's history."

But he concerned himself not only with Hongkong's military, but also its social shortcomings. "The Crown Colony was the last spot in the world where slavery openly existed." Does he need to be told that the Mul Tsal system still prevails over large areas of South China, and that this system, which admittedly develops into slavery, was the subject of repeated investigation and inquiry, and legislation in Hongkong? No! He would not believe it, because, according to him, "local authorities cognizant of this slavery, made no concerted effort to stamp it out." Perversion of historical facts is not, of course, restricted to Hongkong. Readers are solemnly told that two wars were "engineered" by the American administration to support the State Department's efforts to "maintain the British Empire."

In support of this preposterous allegation he asserted, in a speech prepared for delivery in Chicago, that "in 1938 an agreement was made for the United States, France, England and Holland, to make war on Germany and Japan." It was, he added, planned "to take the Azores from Portugal and the Canaries from Spain." All one can say about this disclosure is that it exposes the United States to the charge of "reneging" on its obligations! The 1938 "agreement" was unknown to the Government of France, England and Holland, and, presumably also, to all the members of the U.S. Cabinet.

Preposterous

It is difficult for anyone who has any sense of logic in his make-up to understand the vicious and mendacious statements which the "Colonel" is so fond of making. As regards Great Britain and her Empire, he seems to be a pathological case. One finds it difficult to imagine any sane man, however prejudiced, committing himself to such preposterous statements as those which are his stock-in-trade against Britain and her people. He even excels Comrade Molotov in many of his allegations against our country.

The fact that the "Colonel" owns and controls one of the largest dailies in America, the largest newspaper in Chicago and the State of Illinois, leads many people to exaggerate his power for mischief.

The *Chicago Tribune's* circulation has been built up by making it indispensable to the Chicagoans owing to its overwhelming coverage of local and State news. Its magnanimous proprietor has therefore arrogated to himself influence and power which he does not possess. He has for years been anti-New Deal, anti-Roosevelt and Truman, and, of course, anti-Democrat. Yet in the 1944 Election Illinois voted Democrat, and in the elections the same year not one of Chicago's nine Representatives was a Republican. The inference must be that people may read his paper, but do not accept his political guidance. That is generally true of most party organs in America and in Great Britain. In the last Presidential election in America it was estimated that over 70 per cent of the daily press was anti-Roosevelt; probably the same proportion was anti-Labor in the United Kingdom in 1945. But Roosevelt and Attlee were elected. Colonel McCormick has carried his illusions of power to extraordinary lengths.

Mr. Inverchapel

It is recorded that because the State of Rhode Island was alleged to have packed its Supreme Court with Democrats he decreed that the State's "star" in the American flag should be removed. He has ordered that all British and other titles are to be abolished. So I suppose that his readers are now puzzled by references to "Mr. Inverchapel," "Mrs. Astor," and "Mr. and Mrs. Mountbatten for Edinburgh." His ideas of patriotism certainly do not conform to those of the majority of the American people. He excused his vitriolic attacks upon the American Government after Pearl Harbour by claiming that they were part of "a constructive campaign" without which this country would be lost. He light-heartedly endangered American strategy by revealing the closely-guarded secret that American Intelligence had broken the Japanese Codes, when reporting the Battle of Midway Island. In the 1944 poll of Washington correspondents the *Chicago Tribune* earned the questionable distinction of being voted the "newspaper" most flagrant in angling and weighing the news.

So we know what we would have to expect to the *China Mail* were to become part of the McCormick empire.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1947.

THE RUINS OF BOROEBOEDOER *Remnants of an Ancient Civilisation*

About twenty-five miles by road from Jogjakarta lie the impressive ruins of Boroeboedoer. These ruins—a Buddhist Shrine, are said to be in the best state of preservation of any known of equal age. This is probably due to the fact of their being buried for hundreds of years beneath volcanic ash and a thick jungle growth.

There are many tales extant concerning their discovery. My informant, a Javanese schoolteacher, told me they were first uncovered by Sir Stamford Raffles, of Singapore fame. When the English handed over Java to the Dutch trace of the ruins was again lost. They were later re-discovered by a Dutch explorer and have since been kept in good condition as a tourist attraction.

My friends produced a car from heaven knows where and we set off in the afternoon, for a quick look at the much talked of shrine.

Unique Monument

After spluttering along indifferent roads for about twenty miles we came to Mendoet Shrine. We paused here to allow the indignant engine to cool off and to admire the setting of the unique monument. Standing in a small park it rises in a rectangular pile to a height of sixty or seventy feet. The interior is hollow and unlit except for the light entering the narrow slit serving as entrance. When one's eyes became accustomed to the gloom a huge stone Buddha was discernible. I felt the hair on the back of my neck prickle as I stood silently and alone in the semi-darkness. The experience was like something from a novel by Sir Rider Haggard. I was glad to get out into the daylight.

We replenished the car's radiator with water from a nearby cottage and resumed our journey to Boroeboedoer. Surprisingly, we made it.

For those interested in architecture Boroeboedoer is a delight. Built of grey stone, now black and mildewed by time and weather, it is roughly four hundred feet square at the base, rising in five tiers to a circular crown. Each tier is surrounded by a wide path and has a deeply carved fresco depicting the story of the Buddha. The carving is in almost perfect condition still. There are literally hundreds of images of the Buddha set in niches and cupolas throughout the shrine. At the summit there is a complete circle of bell-like cupolas each containing a life sized image of Buddha. A curious feature of these images is that most of them are headless. One version of this peculiarity is that the shrine was mutilated during the Arab invasion of Java.

A Breakdown

Incidentally, in spite of the predominance of Buddhist memorials in Java the population is mainly Mohammedan.

It was almost dark when we began the return trip to Jogjakarta. We had scarcely passed Mendoet shrine when the car broke down. It was hopeless to expect a tow as cars were novelties on that road since the beginning of the war. We were practically resigned to spending the night in the car when our driver emerged from beneath it, greasy but grinning, and signified he was ready to go. I can't know what

feats of magic he performed under there but sure enough, when he let in the clutch carefully we moved forward on our twenty mile run home—in 1st gear!

The snail-like progress was no strain however, for the countryside at night is as lively as by day. Millions of fireflies lit the paddyfields with erratic stars, and the overcast throw cleared to allow a thin moon to throw leaning palms and crude cottages into romantic silhouette. In the distance Mounts Merapi and Slamet could be seen thrusting their vague shapes into the darkness.

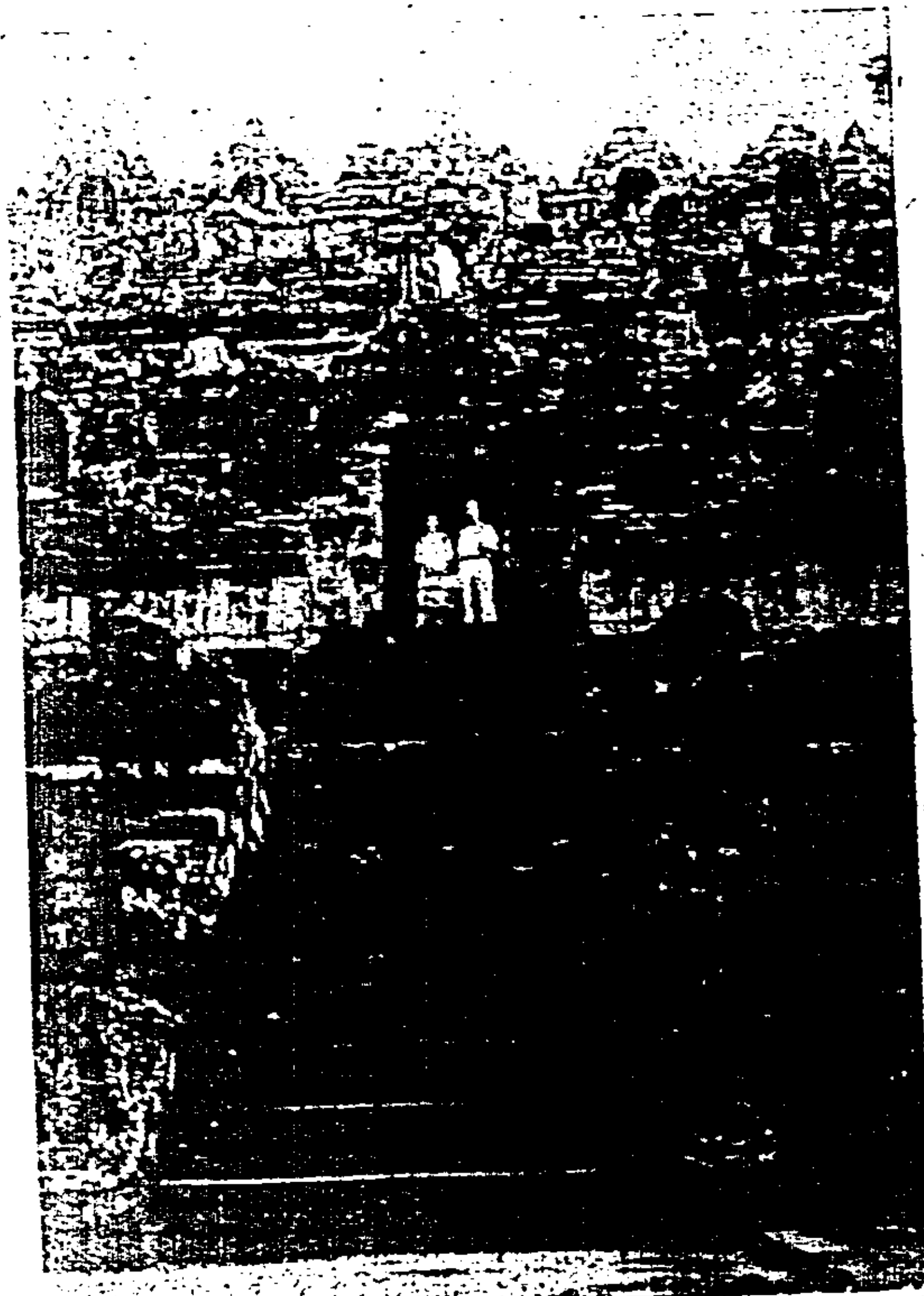
Java is rich in folk-lore. With queer angular puppets cut from leather, shadowplays from Hindu mythology are enacted. The operators sit at right angles to the audience who see only the shadows of the puppets. These puppets are in strict traditional design and each character is recognisable by dress and attitude. One typical story concerns a young princess who upon the death of her parents accedes to the throne. A giant threatens to invade her kingdom unless she marries him. The Queen sends soldiers against the giant but they are defeated. Finally, in desperation, she learns of a student-warrior who lives in the forest. She sends for him and prevails upon him to defend her. He does so, and after slaying the giant he and the young Queen live in fairy-tale happiness ever after.

BY OUR ROVING REPRESENTATIVE

The following morning I was taken through the grounds of the Sultan's Palace. The palace consists of a series of enclosures, each with a gate guarded by a retainer in traditional Jogjakarta dress. A pair of entwined snakes carved above the gate, and two grotesque giants, support the retainer in his duties. Each enclosure has one or more pavilions and each pavilion has its own particular purpose. One penetrates to the inner pavilions according to the intimacy of the interview granted, or the importance of the guest. In the centre of the palace is a splendid hall painted crimson and gold with superbly carved woodwork. This is where the Sultan holds his private entertainments.

Nearby is the old Water Palace, now in ruins. Built more than 400 years ago it housed the one time Sultans of Jogjakarta behind the security of a wide moat. The high-walled pools where the beauties of the harem spent pleasant hours bathing in the coolness of the water or allowing the sun to caress their brown bodies, are as intact today as when first constructed. Stone benches and huge decorative bowls still stand, untouched by time, around the edges of the pools. In silent delight I sat on one of the benches in the shadow of the wall and my mind re-people the scene from a painting I had once seen of a Turkish harem.

A lithe young figure hurtled into my day dream, and another, and another. The cross-covered water was churned into white spray as the youngsters chased each other in their hilarious game. My dream gone, I got busy with my camera. If it did its work well, I may be able to live again that brief excursion into the past.



The famous ruins of Boroeboedoer: unearthed after being buried in the jungle for hundreds of years.

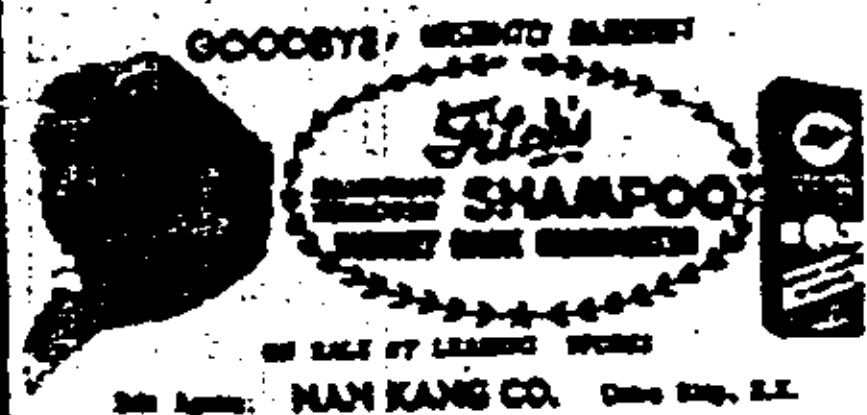
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Lane Norcott

FRIENDS of Hensard will have noticed that the old parliamentary cliché "It would not be in the public interest to explain" is as popular today as ever it was.

We sometimes wonder what answer an independent back-bencher would receive if he were to ask a Minister the daring supplementary question: "To whom do you refer by that vague term, 'the public interest,' you evasive old crow?"

However, instinct quickly tells us that the ready reply would be: "It would not be in the public interest to explain."

Incidentally, it was our aunt, Mrs. Trampleasure, a shrewd Liberal and the platonic friend of Gladstone, who first discovered that "the public interest" was an elastic term whose true meaning could only be fathomed by taking into account the matter under discussion.

Disraeli called this Trampleasure's Law and quoted it whenever it suited his convenience.

For example, if today the nationalisation of the glue industry is being debated, then, according to Trampleasure's Law, "the public interest" means a horde of bureaucrats who are seeking positions of trust on the National Glue Control Board, but don't wish it to be generally known.

If, on the other hand, the matter under debate is the inalienable right of all free-born British citizens to be drafted into the national glue quarries against their wills, then, according to Trampleasure's Law, "the public interest" means us, Elinor, together with our families and dependants.

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NEWS QUIZ

1. What islands is China reported to be demanding back in her draft of the peace treaty for Japan?

2. A Japanese destroyer was sunk by gunfire off Hong Kong last Monday. What was she?

3. Another committee to help cure the ills of Europe has been established. What is it?

4. What record did H.M. Submarine Alliance establish this week?

6. A new research centre, estimated to cost US\$815,000, has been approved by the Atomic Energy Commission. Where will it be established?

7. Thieves voluntarily entered the grounds of a famous English prison this week, and got out again without very much trouble, taking their loot with them. What prison suffered this novel, if embarrassing, experience?

(Answers on Page 4)

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Oscar Wilde is almost as familiar a name as the late lamented Adolf Hitler. But between the "Oscar" and the "Wilde" there stretches a whole string of sinuous middle names. Do you know them?

2. TNT is a might powerful explosive, but do you know what the TNT stands for?

3. Another literary question: Shakespeare (William) was born, according to most authorities, on April 23, 1564. Do you know when he died?

4. Altogether there were 25 Red-letter Days during 1947. You may have counted more personal ones, but those were the official ones. What happens on a Red-Letter Day?

7. The following abbreviations all begin with "e", and are all used every day. You know generally what they mean, but do you know what the original Latin is?

E. G.

et al.

etc.

et seq.

8. Strictly without the atlas—what is the world's largest lake?

9. Do you know the total area of the island of Hong Kong?

(Answers on Page 9)

The Sunday Herald

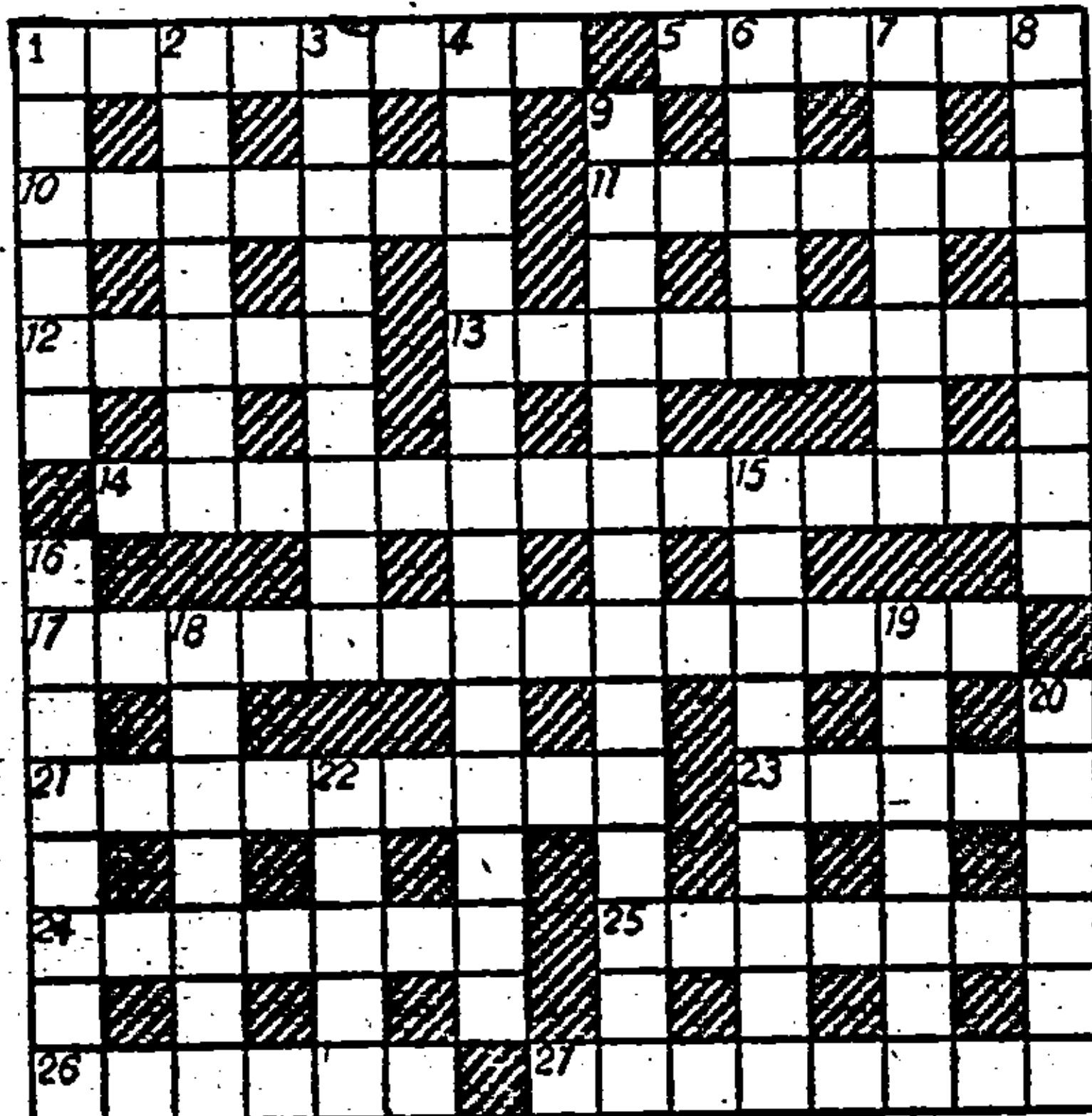
CROSSWORD No. 35

ACROSS

- 1 It takes an instrument of punishment to make Phil wash. (8)
- 5 "Horrid — and shrieks and rights unholy" (Milton). (6)
- 10 Worn by the top of the class. (7)
- 11 "He lived in ye reigns of ten princes," says his grave in the Abbey. (3, 4)
- 12 Town, river and county in Scotland. (5)
- 13 Sorry order to dismiss scrow. (9)
- 14 They are long past enjoyment. (3, 4, 3, 4)
- 17 Precedence in the Army is taken where the platform generally isn't. (5, 2, 3, 4)
- 21 Harvest of the quarry? (9)
- 23 Material from tiles. (5)
- 24 Service books. (7)
- 25 "Like the — queen, her hair about her eye" (W. Drummond). (7)
- 26 This workman isn't worth much. (6)
- 27 He's comparatively curlous. (3)

DOWN

- 1 Job for the electrician or soldier. (6)
- 2 Where Nupkins was mayor. (7)
- 3 Apparent result of summertime. (4, 5)
- 4 These forewards! (anag.). (8, 6)
- 6 a trimmer does, by the way. (5)
- 7 It rolls out the music. (7)
- 8 Insure a broken case. (8)
- 9 Square cuts should do this. (4, 2, 3, 5)
- 15 Ada, I am all upset by a priest. (5, 4)
- 16 It's at the head of the staff. (5, 3)
- 18 He, presumably, was an excellent husband. (7)
- 19 The answer is there before you insert it. (7)
- 20 Or "The Inheritance" (by Byron). (6)
- 22 A woman arranged about this time to escape. (5)



SOLUTION TO NO. 34—ACROSS: —1 Sharp practice, 10 Instant, 11 Brittle, 12 Exactness, 14 Skimp, 15 Tosti, 16 Noose, 18 H.M.S., 19 Eel, 21 Group, 22 Reset, 24 Venom, 26 Money bags, 27 Charles, 29 Brownie, 30 Sounding brass.
DOWN: —2 Hussars, 3 Real thing, 4 Pattern room, 5 Alb, 6 Twins, 7 Catfish, 8 Silent Service, 9 Tempest-tossed, 13 Shopping bag, 17 Early door, 20 Long ago, 23 Staines, 25 Melon, 28 S.D.I.



PILSNER

BRIDGE

By YARBOROUGH

In the final of the only duplicate rubber bridge competition, that for the bridge Sidney Woodward Cup, there was a hand which gave exceptional scope for making inferences on the bids and during the play:

S. K 9 8 x
H. K J x x
D. Q J x x
C. 9

S. A 10
H. A x x
D. 9 x x x
C. Q x x x

N
W
E
S

S. x x x
H. Q 10 9 x x x
D. K 10
C. x x

S. Q J 7 x
H. none
D. A x x
C. A K J 10 8 7

The score was love all at both tables, South was the dealer. At one table the contract was Four Spades and eleven tricks were made. At the other table the bidding proceeded: South 1 C, North 1 D, South 1 S, North 4 S, and now it was a question what inference South should make on North's treble raise.

The generally accepted inference is that this raise shows a stronger distribution but a weaker hand than a double raise which itself shows game-going support. Over 4 S South did not use the Blackwood because of his void in Hearts but bid Six Spades. West led the Ace of Spades followed by the Ace of Hearts, which South ruffed. This simplified the play. Trick 3 was the Ace of Clubs. Trick 4 a Club ruffed. Trick 5 the King of Hearts, South discarding a Diamond. Trick 6 the Queen of Diamond, covered by the King and Ace. Trick 7 a Club ruffed with the King of Spades. Then trumps were drawn and the Clubs and the Jack of Diamonds were good.

Had West not led out his Ace of Hearts the declarer would have had to take the finesse in Clubs to get sufficient discards and would have had to take the finesse in Clubs to get sufficient discards and would have failed.



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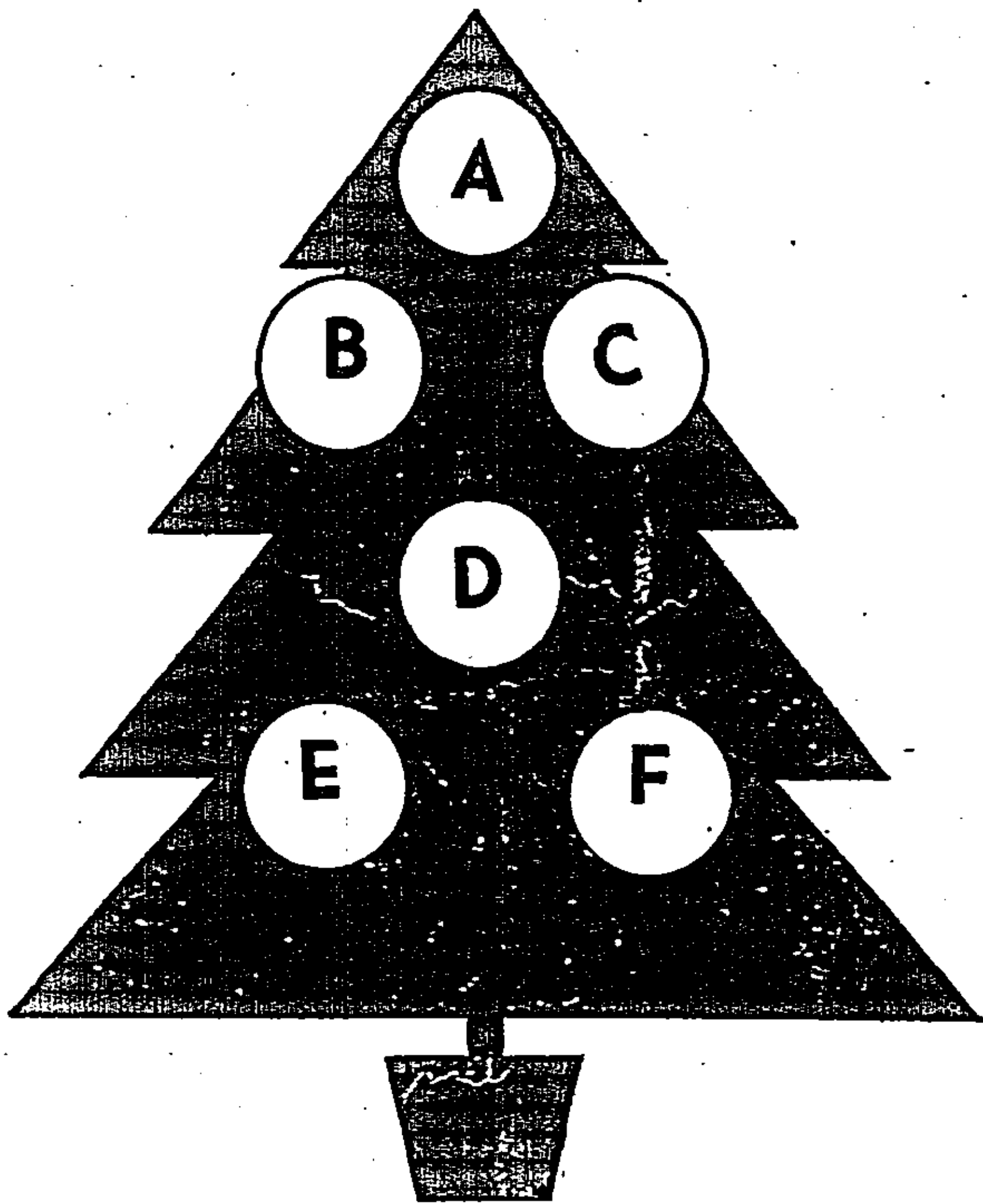
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Children's Page

Two Christmas Competitions!

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Remember Auntie Vee's decision will be final.

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LAST WEEK'S PRIZEWINNERS

None of the entries we received for last week's Guessing Game were absolutely correct, but we've decided to give the prizes to these boys and girls because they came nearest to being right—some of them with four out of the six guesses correct.

Tickets for "Song of the South" will be posted to the winners in time for them to see this latest Walt Disney masterpiece.

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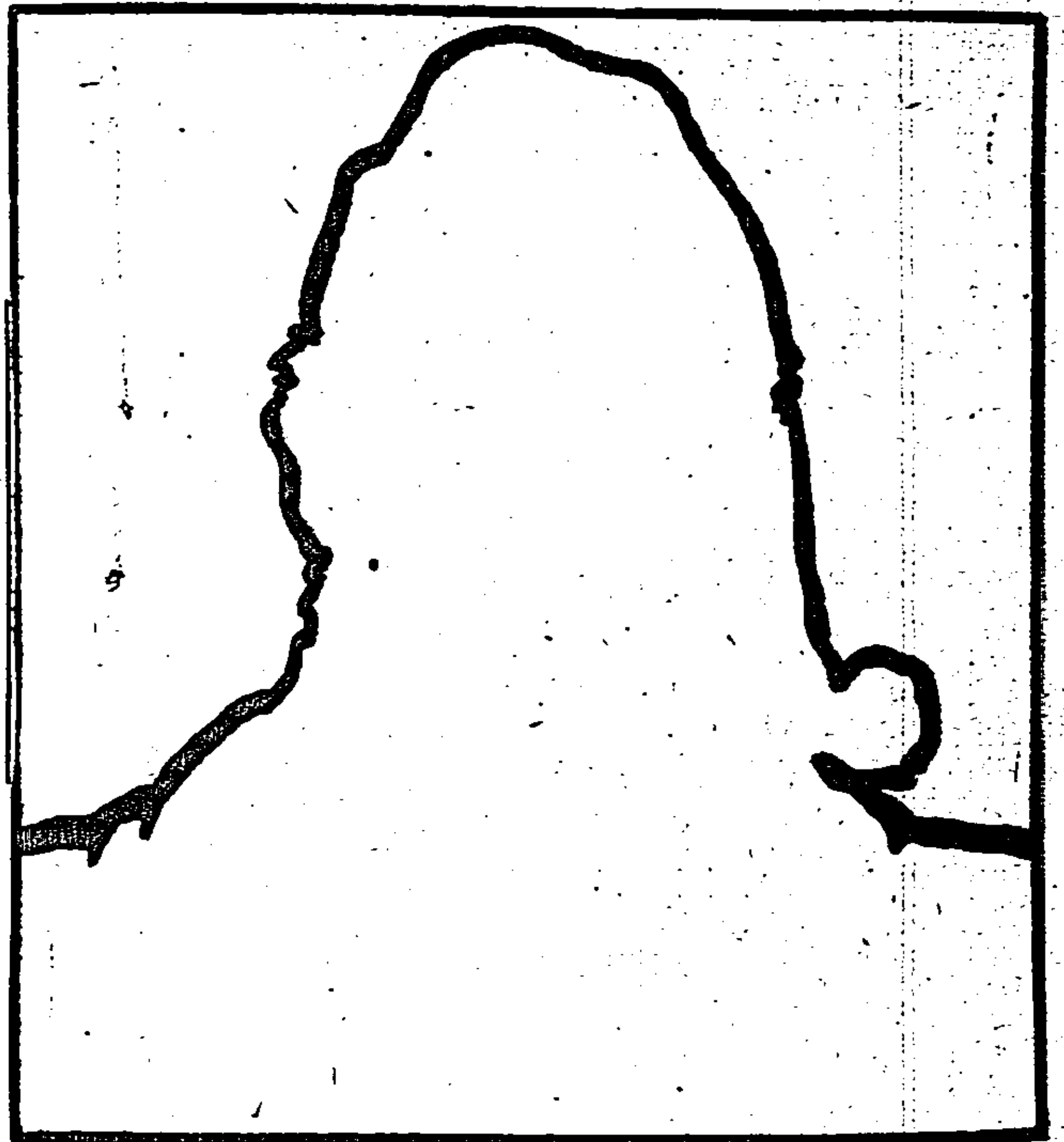
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A great and noble creed.

(Edith Mason (14), Kowloon.
Award * * *)

The Fairies' Party

Once upon a time there was a little boy called John and a little girl called Janet. They lived in a nice house near the sea.

One day they were sitting in an armchair looking at a picture book when a little fairy, dressed in pale green and silver, came through the window.

She said, "The Fairy Queen wants you to come to her party tonight. I will come and call for you." Then she went out of the window.

So when the children went to bed that night the fairy came and called for them. She gave them each a sweet to eat and as soon as they had eaten it they became the same size as the fairy, and they had wings too.

When they got to the party-ground the Fairy Queen was waiting for them. They had a lovely time, but suddenly they heard nurse's voice calling them.

It had all been a dream.
(Suzanne Hewson (10), Kowloon.
Award *).

Boys and Girls, we want more contributions from you.

This is your column, in your own page, and we want you to fill it for us.

Come on—who's coming in next week?

We publish these contributions in good faith, not knowing whether they are original or not.

Auntie Vee

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The Reading of Books, by Holbrook
Jackson. New York: Charles
Scribner's Sons, \$3.

Here is a delightful addition to the list of genuinely enchanting books already produced by this most erudite scholar and bibliophile.

Reading for recreation is the main theme of the book, according to the author, and the reader is given his proper place as part author, so to speak, of the book he is reading; he is made to realize his own importance as a necessary and integral part of every book that is read.

"Reading can be an art and the reader an artist," the author explains in his preface; and at the end he states "the justification of the fit reader in accordance with what I have already said is the capacity to endow himself with a refined and enriched sensitivity, so that living may be deeper and fuller than it might otherwise have been, the art of reading as I understand it, and as I have tried to expound it, being a method of further implementing the art of living, by enriching the mind, sharpening the wits, and refining the senses."

This work is a proof in itself of Mr. Jackson's qualifications for his task, for it is the work of a man who has read widely and has also marked and digested what he has read. The text, footnotes, and notes at the end all exhibit most rare and unusual scholarship, and the index contains the names of more than 570 authors, quoted from, or referred to, in the text and notes.

Mr. Jackson's literary style is so agreeably erudite, and at the same time so extremely readable, that an occasional sudden drop into anachronistic slang comes as a slight, though by no means an unpleasant, shock. An example is the reference to the "fantastic and rather bolshie Leigh Hunt," and we can accept the author's own explanation that "the introduction of a startling word into a descriptive or colloquial passage is rarely disinterested."

The chapter headed "Readers and Critics" has naturally forestalled any possible criticism of this book, and the reviewer can only express his opinion that it is a book no person capable of intelligent reading should be without. In common with "The Anatomy of Bibliomania," "Bookman's Pleasure," and other works by the same author, it is essentially a book for browsing or dipping. A copy should be beside every comfortable chair, and at the bedside of every reader in bed.

Mr. Jackson is himself one of the "Mogul diamonds, equally rare and valuable, who profit by what they read, and enable others to profit by it also," quoted from Coleridge in the Notes; and his book is one of those so rarely found, which, opened anywhere, no reader can put down without that delightful feeling of having associated for a time with one who knows more than he does on his own particular subject.

"The Reading of Books" is a library in itself and will be a constant source of pleasure to all who give themselves the satisfaction of owning a copy.

BREVITIES

From Caligari to Hitler, by Siegfried Kracauer. (Dennis Dobson, 25s.)

A fascinating account, extremely well-illustrated, of the pre-war German cinema, which gave us such early masterpieces as "Dr. Caligari," "The Street," and "The Last Laugh."

Badon Parchments, by John Masefield. (Heinemann, 8s. 6d.)

This historical novel by the Poet Laureate—a vivid picture of the Dark Ages in Britain, when Arthur rallied the forces of Christianity against the invading heathen—reminds us that John Masefield is an extremely good prose writer, and should help to take away the rather flat taste left behind by some of his official verse.

JENNY VILLIERS

By J. B. Priestley. (Heinemann, 10s. 6d.)

J. B. Priestley has many virtues. I am not competent to discuss his theatrical efforts; but in the part of novelist he chops out his tales as competently and conscientiously as a good old-fashioned tailor cutting out a country suit from a roll of rugged Scottish tweed or hard-wearing Yorkshire worsted.

It is only when he attacks a flimsier stuff that we become aware of the disproportionate size and weight of the scissors he is handling.

For example, in Jenny Villiers. Here is a story of ghosts who haunt an ancient Green Room—of a miraculous peep into the past which fills with fresh hope and energy an exhausted and discouraged dramatist.

Martin Cheveril was prepared to renounce the stage. On to his new play he had tied a "cynical and bitter" last act. Then, between sleeping and waking, the phantoms of actors and actresses 100 years dead parade before his tired eyes; and, though the drama they enact may strike a wide-awake reader as somewhat trite and sentimental, to Martin, in his nervous and debilitated state, it seems extremely moving.

He returns to the real world a completely different man, bubbling over with Priestleyan bonhomie, convinced that the Theatre is a "symbol of the mystery of life," and that actors and dramatists, frivolous and foolish as they may sometimes appear, when all is said and done are "servants of the divine secret."

A well-meant and unlifting anecdote; but it lacks that indispensable lightness of touch which, in a book like James's "Turn of the Screw," suggests the imminence of another dimension and makes the ghostly credible.

ONE FINE DAY

By Mollie Panter-Downes. (Hamish Hamilton, 7s. 6d.)

ONE FINE DAY, by Mollie Panter-Downes (the talented journalist whose column in the New Yorker gives the sophisticated American public a weekly glimpse of England), sticks to waking existence and to the present age, with strenuous emphasis on minor post-war miseries.

In detail the book is delightfully written. Mollie Panter-Downes is a novelist with a genuine love of words, an uncommon descriptive gift, and a dry, astringent humour.

She is often lyrical—when she writes of flowers or landscape—but never sentimental; and this account of 12 hours in the life of a busy, devoted, yet absent-minded middle-aged woman is as neat and accomplished a literary construction as I have seen for many a long week.

Why is it, then, that the result does not completely satisfy? Is it because Mollie Panter-Downes is inclined, in the last resort, to mistake essay-writing for story-telling; so that her novel is not so much the analysis of a situation or the description of a character as a series of charming essays written around the post-war decline of a modern English village, where the manor house is shuttered and deserted, the lesser gentry are waiting for cooks and making do with charwomen, while the villagers pine after a town, its cheerful cinema-posters, and chromium-plated shop-fronts?

Nevertheless, this is a book to read, provided that you enjoy novels of the leisurely discursive sort, written in a style that owes something of its colouring to the influence of Virginia Woolf. If the word "distinguished" had not quite so funeral a ring, I should certainly apply it.

MORE BREVITIES

The Merry Oasis, by Rom Landau. (Macdonald, 7s. 6d.)

Stories, satirical and romantic, by Adventure.

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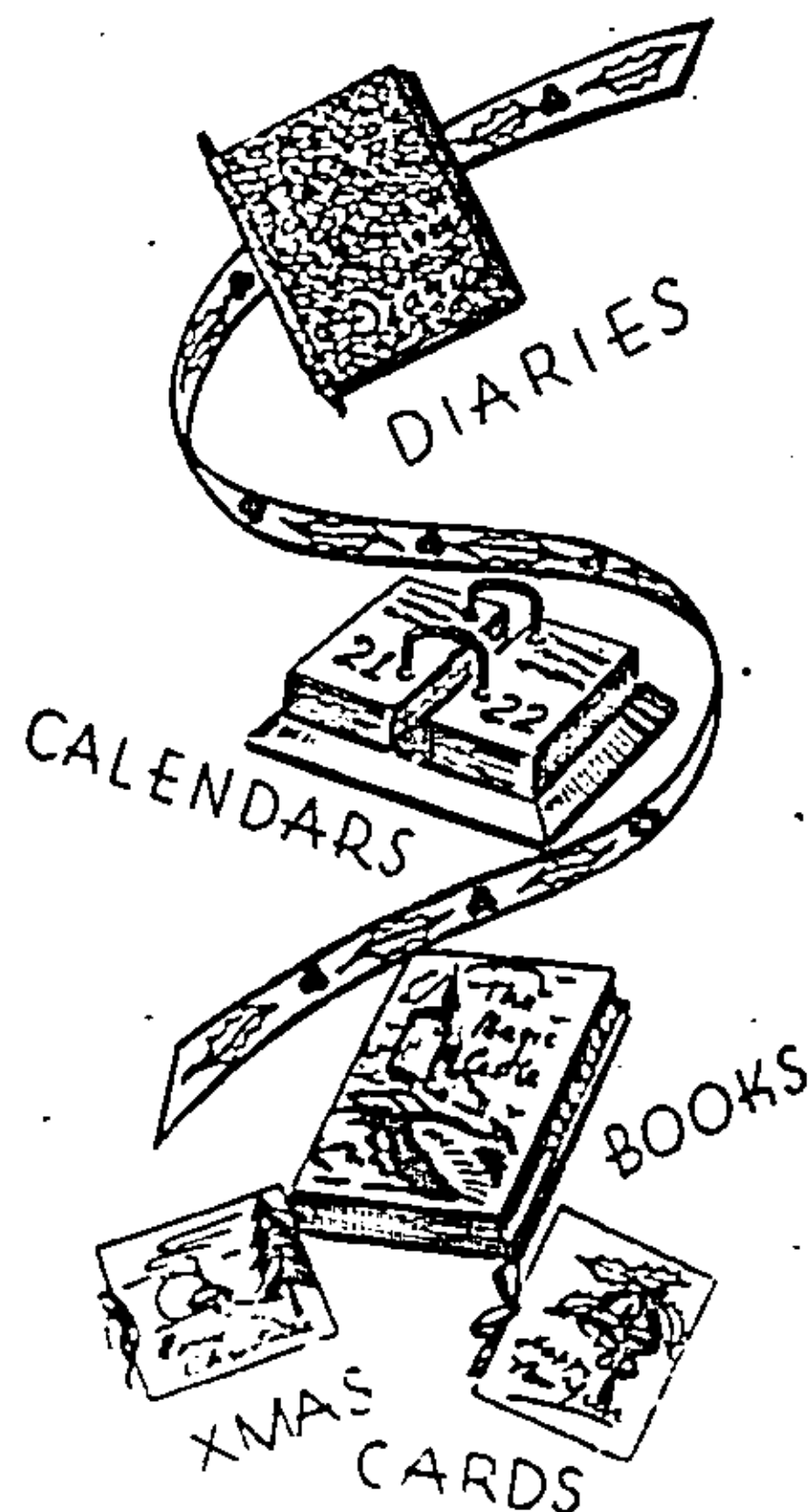
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3 FOR LUCK

Mike Sullivan did not notice the tall, grey-haired man join him as he leaned on the rail of the Dublin steamer as it sailed up the Mersey.

Mike, who had left his cabin early, was gazing at the Liverpool skyline, entranced, as he always was, by its sharp lines of crane and chimneys and tall, fine buildings against the early morning sky.

The great sweep that began at the docks and changed so suddenly to the dignity of the architecture of the city's business centre, which came right down to the waterfront, always fascinated him—and he had made the journey many times from Dublin to Liverpool. He never failed to get up with the dawn to watch that panorama as the mail steamer sailed up the river.

"We miss a lot by flying," the man beside him said.

"We do," agreed Mike, without turning round. "I've done my share of flying—but give me a ship arriving in harbour every time."

"New York is the place for that," said his companion. "I don't think there is a skyline in the world that looks so good from the sea. Even Sydney harbour can't hold a candle to it."

Face Familiar

Mike looked at him now. The man beside him appeared to have moved about a bit, he thought. He recognised his face as one he had seen before. Its clean, hard lines were unusual in one who must be well into middle-age. The grey hair was untidy; yet somehow it did not detract from the dignity of its owner. Mike himself was exactly six feet tall. The man beside him overtopped him by a couple of inches, he guessed.

He had seen him before somewhere—in the bar, the night before, he remembered. But somewhere before that, too.

"You have travelled a bit?" he queried as these thoughts passed lazily through his mind.

"In most parts of the world. But I still love to come back home to our British Isles. You know, you only appreciate the sight of a Dublin tram or a London bus or the Liverpool skyline when you haven't seen them for a bit. For many years I spent half my time abroad; that was how I really learnt to love my own country."

"I found that when I came back from the war," admitted Mike.

"And the people—we've got the most interesting people in the world in these islands. They're always so much more friendly than people anywhere else. There's always somebody to talk to, wherever you are."

Millionaire

Mike suddenly remembered to whom the tall man had been talking the night before—the little dark, smooth man with the diamond ring and the big cigar and the camel-hair coat who had been with him in the bar overnight.

"Yes," he replied slowly. "Always somebody interesting. For example, 'Diamond' Hotchkiss."

The other's face was blank. The name appeared to mean nothing to him.

"The man you were with last night," explained Mike.

"Oh, is that his name? He got into conversation with me. I don't know him. He seemed a very pleasant type, in spite of his slick manner. We found we had a common interest in horses."

As his companion mentioned the word "horses" Mike suddenly remembered where he had seen him before. In the days before the war, when he had been a detective in London, he had seen this man in Claridges. This was the famous Arthur Mayo, mil-

By
TRAVERS HUTCHIN

lionaire race-horse owner. The man they called the "shy millionaire," because he apparently hated publicity. Hated it so much that he never even led his own winners in after a race; never allowed his name to appear on the sailing list of a liner; rarely had his picture taken.

Old Friend

He was supposed to be one of the rare examples of a man who had made a fortune and remained completely unspoiled by it.

"Diamond Hotchkiss is interested in horses in a different way to you, Mr. Mayo," he said.

The tall man looked at him quickly. He seemed to shrink back slightly into his heavy overcoat as if annoyed that Mike had identified him.

"Oh, you know him? And apparently know my name, too."

"I used to be a detective-sergeant in the Metropolitan Police," said Mike drily. "It was my job to know two types of people—crooks and the rich people they prey upon."

"So your friend Diamond Hotchkiss is a crook?"

"It's not my job to tell tales out of school. I've just come out of the

"Oh, yes! We all know that kind of story. Tell me, what are you going to do now that you're out of the Army? Going back into the Metropolitan?"

"I don't know. I signed on for an extra turn of service in the Army because I couldn't make my mind up. I'm at a loose end."

Before Tom could reply the phone rang. After a short conversation the inspector turned to his visitor.

"I've got to go down to the docks. There's some suspected smuggling going on aboard the ship you came in from Dublin. Would you like to come along? We can talk on the way."

Mike agreed, and they set off in a police car for the dock to which the ship had gone after unloading her passengers at the landing stage.

Mike strolled along the dock-side while Tom went about his business. The ship, which he had regarded as a passenger vessel, was now disgorging an amazing variety of cargo.

A horsebox was being swung over his head by a crane. Mike watched it idly, noting the fact that it had a large figure "3" painted on it. It came down safely on the quayside, and almost before the hook of the crane was disengaged from the heavy rope which linked it to the box, stableboys were flocking round it to bring out its occupant.

"That looks like Happy Munsterman," said a docker at his side. "Blimey, I'd like half the money that horse cost."

"Happy Munsterman?"

"Never heard of Happy Munsterman?" The docker looked at him in contempt. "Never heard of Arthur Mayo's colt, the favourite for the Guineas and the Derby?"

He spat in disgust on the quay.

An "Accident"

Another horsebox, with the figure "2" on it, was now swinging out from the ship. But this one behaved rather differently. For when it was in mid-air over the quayside it suddenly lurched to one side.

"It's going to fall," muttered Mike. Even as he spoke, the box parted company from the crane cable and



Mike Sullivan is pushed into the dock by an unknown man

Army, and I don't think I shall go back to the force. But ask your racing friends whether they have ever heard of the Diamond Boys. They'll tell you all about our Mr. Hotchkiss and his satellites."

Arthur Mayo appeared ill at ease. He did not pursue the subject and after a moment's desultory conversation excused himself and went away.

When he had passed through the Customs, Mike made his way to the City Police headquarters, to call on an old friend of his. Tom Satterthwaite was in, and Mike was delighted to find that he was now a detective-inspector.

"It's not me that is the subject for congratulations," said Tom, when Mike was sitting in his room. "What about yourself? A colonel, with a D.S.O. and a bar, and a reputation as the king-pin of the parachute boys. It's you that has something to be proud of."

"Mainly luck," said Mike. "I happened to fall into the right job. I might just as well have finished up as a cook or an officer's batman."

crashed to the ground.

Immediately the wreckage was surrounded by a crowd of cursing dockers and stable hands. Foremost of them was a little red-faced man in a green pork-pie hat and trousers that looked as if they were almost breeches, so tight were they. He appeared to be in charge of the stablemen—and his language was of a richness that seemed to shock even the docker at Mike's side.

"That's Teddy Topham, Mayo's head lad," he explained. "Blimey, he can't half talk."

But Mike was not interested in Mr. Topham's language. His eyes were fixed on the great hook of the crane. From it still dangled the rope which had been looped through the rings on the horsebox—the rope which had snapped and let the box slip in mid-air.

That rope was now almost over his head as the crane swung round his cabin. And it was slipping now. It fell from the hook and landed just beside Mike.

Mike picked it up. His eyes lighted with sudden interest as he looked at it. There was something very strange about that rope.



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He hit the water with a dull crash. He had been unable to turn himself into a dive, and made a kind of pancake landing which jarred every bone in his body.

As he landed he looked up at the sky momentarily. Peering over the edge of the quay above him he saw a face. He saw it only for a fraction of a second; but in that time he was able to notice one thing. The owner of the face had either no hair or he wore his hair cropped very short.

TO BE CONTINUED
NEXT WEEK

BLUE BABIES

Every year 50 "blue babies" are born in Britain. Their parents know they will never be able to live a normal life and will probably die within a few years.

But today there is hope for them. An operation on a three-year old boy in London by Professor A. Blalock, Professor of Surgery at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, U.S.A., means that the "blue baby" of tomorrow may be saved.

Professor Blalock, and his colleague Dr. F. Taussig, an American woman surgeon, are the inventors of the operation which will transform a "blue baby" into a normal child.

This operation is the most difficult of a category of difficult operations — those on the heart. Yet in the second hundred such operations which he performed Professor Blalock had reduced overall mortality from 21 per cent. to 15 per cent. It is still dropping.

In technical terms, the operation is known as one for congenital pulmonary stenosis.

In simple language it means this. The blood flows into the body from the heart through the aorta—the great arterial trunk. This blood is red and rich in oxygen. By the time it has made the circuit of the body and returns to the heart by way of the veins the oxygen has been taken out of the blood and it is pumped into the lungs to have its supply renewed. It passes from the heart to the lungs by way of the pulmonary artery.

Before it reaches the lungs the blood is blue in colour and poor in quality.

It is in the pulmonary artery that the "blue baby" has a malformation, which causes a partial stoppage in the flow of the blood. The blood cannot get its proper supply of oxygen, which makes it vital and red, with the result that the baby is blue, just as a person suffering from a "bad

heart" is apt to be blue in the face or a person whose arteries have hardened may have a bluish tinge about the lips.

Professor Blalock and Dr. Taussig's operation consists of making an incision to the heart, of cutting the narrow malformation out of the pulmonary artery and joining the two ends together again. Because the pulmonary artery is so near the heart the operation is one of the most ticklish in surgical experience. It takes from two to five hours to perform.

So far no British surgeon has tried the operation, but Professor Blalock, now past his 300 mark, is giving demonstrations to them on patients in Guy's Hospital, London. Eventually surgeons will begin to operate in the British Isles.

Professor Blalock's patients have ranged from 4 months old to 26 years—the latter a rare case of a patient with pulmonary stenosis who, by living an extremely inactive life, had managed to reach a comparative old age.

The professor has found that the best years for a successful operation are from three to ten. Then mortality in infants under two years is not carried out unless the chances of survival are otherwise less than 50 per cent. In older patients the operation becomes more difficult.

Children who could only walk a few feet before the operation can now walk a mile or more and take part in fairly strenuous exercise. Professor Blalock has saved many American children from a life of miserable inactivity ending in an early death.

By his demonstrations at Guy's he

is enabling British surgeons to do the same for those 50 British babies who every year have the misfortune to be born "blue."

LONG LIFE

Robert M. Hutchins, Chancellor of the University of Chicago, writes in the December issue of "American Magazine," that atomic bombs can annihilate all life on earth—but that it is also possible to use atomic energy to enable man to live as long as Methuselah.

"Atomic energy," he said, "makes all of our conceptions of daily living obsolete, eradicates virtually all our limitations, caps all our maladies, and opens the door to a way of life as uncomplicated as that of a South Seas native basking in the sun and plucking his food from the breadfruit tree. Our paramount problem, our chief hazard in the atomic age, will be what to do with our spare time."

Factories will operate only a few hours a week to produce more goods than can be used. They will produce, among other things, new metals, new types of self-insulating building materials, new fabrics, foods, furnishings and communication devices which will eliminate space and time. Vehicles will run for a year on two ounces or less of atomic fuel.

Most human ailments will be cured as rapidly as they are diagnosed.

Mr. Hutchins predicts that with the aid of present isotope tracer studies the mystery of cancer growth will be understood within seven years.

The end of human suffering is in sight, if we are permitted to live at all, there is no reason we cannot expect to live as long as Methuselah.

ISOTOPES

A young boy with a crushed leg lay in the emergency accident ward of a London hospital.

The surgeon stood over him expertly probing the wound in an effort to ascertain whether the blood vessels had been badly damaged and thus prevented the blood circulating. But time was precious and the surgeon knew that it would be quite a while before he could be sure of the answer and in the meantime the boy's leg might get worse so that an amputation would be necessary.

But 1947 has dawned as a new era in modern medicine for the surgeon. It has come in the form of a new group of chemicals which doctors and scientists hail as the most far-reaching medical discovery since the invention of the microscope.

For out of Britain's atomic energy research establishment at Harwell, in rural Berkshire, are coming the first healing weapons forged in the atomic pile in the battle against disease.

The new group of chemicals are called radio-isotopes, and samples are already reaching the laboratory headquarters of the Medical Research Council at Mount Vernon in north London.

These radio-isotopes—one of which is radio-phosphorus—are made up from phosphorus, carbon or iodine. These chemicals are fed into the atomic pile and radio-activated, so giving them the effect of radium.

Radium, like all substances is made up of atoms, but there is a difference. Each tiny atom gives off an explosive burst capable of destroying diseased cells in the human body, thus making it an indispensable asset to medicine.

But radium is very rare and costs £13,000 a dram, therefore only very few persons have been able to benefit from radium treatment. Now Britain's nuclear physicists have placed this medical treatment within the reach of all in radio-activating ordinary phosphorus (just as on the head of a match) giving it the form of "artificial radium" and just as capable of treating many kinds of disease.

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There are many ways in which radio-isotopes can be employed in medical treatment. Used externally it can be applied to a skin cancer. High-speed fragments from it bombard the outer layers of the skin so destroying the cells causing the disease.

It can also be used internally, and a solution of radio-phosphorus taken harmlessly by a person suffering from a malignant form of bone disease will cause the powerful atoms to strike swiftly and surely to the heart of the trouble.

There are other forms of "artificial radium" and further experiments are under way in the laboratories at Mount Vernon to determine others. Radio-iodine, for instance, can cure certain types of goitre.

The surgeon with the quest for undamaged blood vessels in the boy's injured leg can get his answer almost immediately after injecting a radio-active salt solution below the injury. The exploding atoms in the blood give off rays which can be picked up by instruments held outside the body. If the signals come from above the injury then the surgeon knows the blood is circulating.

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Musical World

THE PROMS

Four works are being presented in the "Proms" concert from ZBW tonight. The programme opens with Beethoven's "Egmont" overture, and after Father Ryan's great talk on this composer on Monday last, it would be superfluous to say anything further here. This is followed by "Morning Song," by Bax; I have been unable to find out anything about this particular work in the limited time at my disposal this week, except that it was specially written for the Princess Elizabeth; it should not be confused with his "The Morning Watch," for chorus and orchestra, which was first performed at the Worcester (Three Choirs) Festival of 1935.

Last week, the "Proms" included a work which had been my record-of-the-week the Sunday before. This week, and I assure you it is a pure coincidence, we get together and the main work tonight is also my record-choice of the week. A note on both the work and this particular recording appears elsewhere on this page.

Finally, there is the music from the ballet "Petrouchka," with Stravinsky himself conducting the symphony orchestra. Stravinsky threw a bomb in 1910 with his "Firebird" ballet and followed it up barely a year later with an atomic weapon called "Petrouchka." Despite one wealth of great music that he has since written, "Petrouchka" is still regarded by many as his master-piece. The brilliantly original score presents a wonderful picture of a Russian peasant fair in a whirl of merrymaking and noise. The picture he paints would be enough to enable one to call the composer of this work a genius; the character-delineation, particularly of Petrouchka the puppet, demands the impossible—an even greater superlative.

CAROL SYMPHONY

A few years ago, Hely-Hutchinson, struck by the dearth of symphonic music specially suitable for use at this time of the year, wrote his "Carol Symphony," based entirely on five traditional and well-known Christmas melodies. The symphony is in the usual four contrasted parts.

The first is a joyous tune on the strings which soon becomes a counterpoint to the most beautiful of all Christmas hymns, "Adeste Fideles." The cheery carol "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" is the theme of the second movement, while the third is built on two tunes—"Lullay," a beautiful lullaby dating back to at least the Fifteenth Century, and "The First Nowell." In the last movement, "Here We Come A-Wassailing" is heard and the symphony rises to its climax with the re-introduction of "Adeste Fideles."

The "Carol Symphony" is being broadcast by ZBW at 9.50 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The recording of the London Radio Orchestra, under its conductor Dr. Denis Wright, was specially made by the BBC Transcription Service.

ORATORIO

Johann Sebastian Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" will be broadcast in the General Overseas Service of the BBC this week. Leslie Woodgate will conduct the New London Orchestra and BBC Chorus, with G. Thalben-Ball at the organ. The soloists will be Margaret McArthur (contralto), Rene Soames (tenor), Trevor Jones (tenor), Trevor Anthony (bass) and Majorie Avis (soprano). The broadcast is at 1800 hours Hong Kong time on the 13 and 16-metre bands.

This, the most popular of Bach's oratorios, consists of six church cantatas based on the Gospel narrative and intended to be sung in succession at Christmas Day services, the two following days, the feast of the Circumcision and the Sunday after, and the Epiphany.

BETTY DROWN

Tonight, the "Proms" concerts from ZBW reach their first century and it perhaps fitting that special mention should be made of the person responsible for one of the most popular programmes in the history of local broadcasting. Her name is known to many as an almost inevitable accompanist. She also puts in a lot of work on the week's programme. Yet very few people know that the person responsible for both the choosing of the "proms," and the accompanying programme notes, is Betty Brown. The first "Proms" concerts, (No. 1 of which was broadcast on January 13th, 1946) were the brain-child of O'Neill Shaw. Betty Brown took them over in November that year and has been running them ever since.

She is probably one of the few persons in the Colony really qualified to do so. She studied at Trinity College, London, and later went to Eberswalde, Germany, for further training under Professors Brandt and Hoffmeyer. She then studied "accompanying" under Gregory Hast, the original tenor in the Westminster Glee Singers, whom she will always thank for revealing to her the beauties of Lieder—particularly those of Hugo Wolf and Richard Strauss. His slogan was "Take care of the little notes and the big ones will take care themselves" and he assured Betty with a twinkle in his eye that that was his advice to Kreisler, and surely Fritz was a great artist?

Betty eventually dropped solo work for accompanying and one of the most exciting moments in her life was when she was asked to accompany Isobel Baillie. "She is a great musician as well as a great singer, and her voice is lovelier than any recording of it," Betty says.

How does she decide her "Prom" choices? It is definitely not a matter of picking a few records from a hat; instead, she takes a major work and then builds round it. She has found, for instance, that after Mozart or Schubert, Brahms is more "listenable to" than, say, Sibelius or Stravinsky. Some works seem to pave the way to others. When, too, one's powers of concentration are strained to the utmost over (for instance) a work by Bartok or Shostakovich, one tends to find that certain older works, great though they may be, tend to pall or fall flat and a careful selection must be exercised.

Again, she tries to employ as much variety as possible—a work for strings following a work with a great deal of brass, a violin piece to follow a piano composition, a thoughtful work to follow a light, airy trifle, and so on.

Space is limited, but two final notes on the "Proms" should be given:—Firstly, Listeners often send in requests and these are welcomed, provided they are good and will fit compile of modern recordings in January fortably into a programme; and Secondly, ZBW is to receive a whole from the British Council.

CHINESE MUSIC

Browsing through Hinrichsen's "Musical Year Book," 1947-48, I came across an article on Chinese Music by Richard Mok, founder of a number of musical associations in South-West China, and sometime critic for the "Canton Gazette" and "National Herald." Agreeing with the view that Chinese music contains little of the common elements of western music, he goes on to say:—

"The musical art of China is based on a totally different aesthetic conception and its beauty is not to be judged by the criteria of European music. Where much importance is attached to the physical properties in a European musical composition, the beauty of Chinese classical music, if one can appreciate it at all, lies in the ethereal nature of the sound and the lingering harmonic effects its produces... Chinese classical music is for the individual and is confined to a development more intensive than extensive."

In other words, perhaps, it is easier for a jazz lover to go through the

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deors of a concert hall than for a European musician to appreciate Chinese classical music. I hesitate to criticise Mr. Mok's views, except to say that if the radios around our boarding house are any criticism, phrases like "the ethereal nature of the sound" and "lingering harmonic effects" mean something quite different to Mr. Mok than they do to me. Nor do Chinese music lovers seem to agree with him that it is "for the individual"—they prefer to let the whole neighbourhood hear it!

RECORD OF THE WEEK

A new recording, released by Columbia in July, of Brahms' "Concerto in D for violin and orchestra, Op. 77," is this week's choice. This is a wonderful performance by Szegedi and the Philadelphia Orchestra (Ormandy cond.); the catalogue listing is LX983-987, auto couplings LX8552-5 and LX8555.

This great concerto is a fruit of the friendship which existed between Brahms and Joseph Joachim, founder of the famous Joachim Quartet (each member of which had a Stradivarius of the best period). Joachim, who introduced him to both Liszt and Schumann, and who was entrusted by Brahms with the revision of all his chamber music, helped him in the writing of the solo part of this concerto. The cadenza, conventionally, was not written out but left to the player's choice, and it is Joachim's cadenza (used here) which is usually played. Joachim, incidentally, was the soloist at the first performance.

Columbia have every reason to be proud of this recording, for in years to come it will undoubtedly be a "collector's item." Szegedi has surpassed himself and this is nowhere better seen than in the sparkling ending to the first movement. The second movement, which the orchestra plays with amazing certainty and self-assurance, is entrancing. As for the third and last, I doubt if anyone can listen to such an irresistible performance without being carried away.

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Talking about Films

The most ambitious of the British films recently released is undoubtedly "Jassy". This is borne out by the fact that it was made in technicolour, which is superbly handled, but it is also reflected in its lavish settings, its gorgeous period costumes of the early 19th century, its brilliant camera and technical work.

In addition, its story, if not always convincing, seethes with action.

Its star cast is topped by Margaret Lockwood, whom British audiences have chosen as their most popular star. All this contributes to a picture, is sure of a strong entertainment appeal.

THE GIPSY'S DAUGHTER

"Jassy", impersonated by Miss Lockwood, is a girl whose mother was a gipsy, and her changing and interesting fate is the film's subject. Her gift of second sight obviously is her maternal inheritance. She is the victim of the prejudice of the village youngsters, from whose persecution



she is rescued by young Barney Hatton, played by Dermot Walsh. She loves Barney, but he loves Dillys (Patricia Roe) daughter of Nick Helmar, who won the Hatton's wonderful manor—their property for centuries—during a gamble. Basil Sydney gives a brilliant portrayal of that vicious old man, Nick Helmar. Jassy, always inspired by her love for Barney, does everything to restore his mansion to him. It is for this purpose that she agrees to marry Helmar. When he dies, she is suspected of murder. The story's climax is reached when, in the court, a dumb girl (exquisitely played by Esme Cannon)

recovers her speech and clears Jassy of the charge. At last she is united with Barney.

The film was directed by Bernard Knowles and produced by Sydney Box at Gainsborough Studios for J. Arthur Rank.

From the same studios we have "Holiday Camp"; its producer Sydney Box and his wife Muriel, wrote the screenplay with Peter Rogers. It portrays Britain and the British people of today. In contrast to these numerous films, mainly from Hollywood, that show a somewhat unreal England of swirling fogs and noblemen, we find ourselves in the intensely real and refreshingly English, true-to-life atmosphere of one of these holiday camps, where so many thousands of ordinary people seek recreation and a good time.

ESSENTIAL HUMOUR

Life at the camp is portrayed by an exceedingly competent cast, and many skilfully drawn characters touch the emotions of the spectator without losing their essential humour. Jack Warner and Kathleen Harrison, as Mr. and Mrs. Huggitt, make a typical, cheery, good-natured C. C. couple, while Flora Robson, Dennis Price, Hazel Court, Emrys Jones, Esmond Knight, Jimmy Hanley, and quite particularly Esme Cannon, as well as many others, contribute a variety of contrasting, but always true-to-life characters. It was directed by Kenneth Annakin, his first feature film after many years in British documentary production. It is a colourful and dramatic seaside kaleidoscope, which is certain of a strong popular appeal. It is to be hoped that it will be seen and thoroughly enjoyed all over the world, and give audiences not only good entertainment, but an idea of ordinary, contemporary British life.

A third film from British studios, "Dancing with Crime" is, as its title betrays, of a different character. It was directed by John Paddy Carstairs for Paramount-British, and was the well-known director-novelist's first film after long and distinguished service in World War II. London's underworld is the background of a robust story set around a palais de danse. It tells how a young taxi-driver and his chorus girl friend, ably interpreted by Richard Attenborough and Sheila Sim, round up a gang of ruthless blackmarketeers. Most competent is the acting of supporting parts, whether of criminals or their pursuers; Barry K. Barnes, Barry Jones, Bill Rowbotham, John Warwick and Garry Marsh deserve particular mention. Summarily, the film is honest and exciting, its atmosphere convincing and colourful.

COMING

Harbinger perhaps of Hollywood's long-awaited post-war film prodigality is "The Time, The Place And The Girl."

Produced by Alex Gottlieb, the film trips along in sparkling fashion, spinning the while a light and merry story about two, enterprising proprietors of a "swing" nightclub destined never to open. The club's short life is occasioned by the presence next door of a great symphonic conductor Cassel and his beautiful granddaughter, Vicki, whose young life has been spent in pursuit of classical musical in keeping with her operatic ambitions.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Ryukyu Island. (17.12.47).
2. Sumire (1,350 tons). (17.12.47).
3. International Committee for European Unity. (17.12.47).
4. H.M. Submarine Alliance remained submerged for several weeks. Previously two or three days was the limit of submersion. (18.12.47).
5. Will Fyfe, at 62 years of age. (15.12.47).
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Current Shows

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Queen's.—"Without Reservations."—Claudette Colbert at her gayest. Good entertainment. The "defeat" of Jersey Joe Walcott by Joe Louis is thrown in for good measure.

King's.—"National Velvet."—If you like Mickey Rooney you will like this. In technicolour.

Majestic.—"Tarzan and the Huntress."—We said our little piece about this last week.

Central.—"The Fighting Devil Dogs."—The first episode of a serial, in harmony with its title.

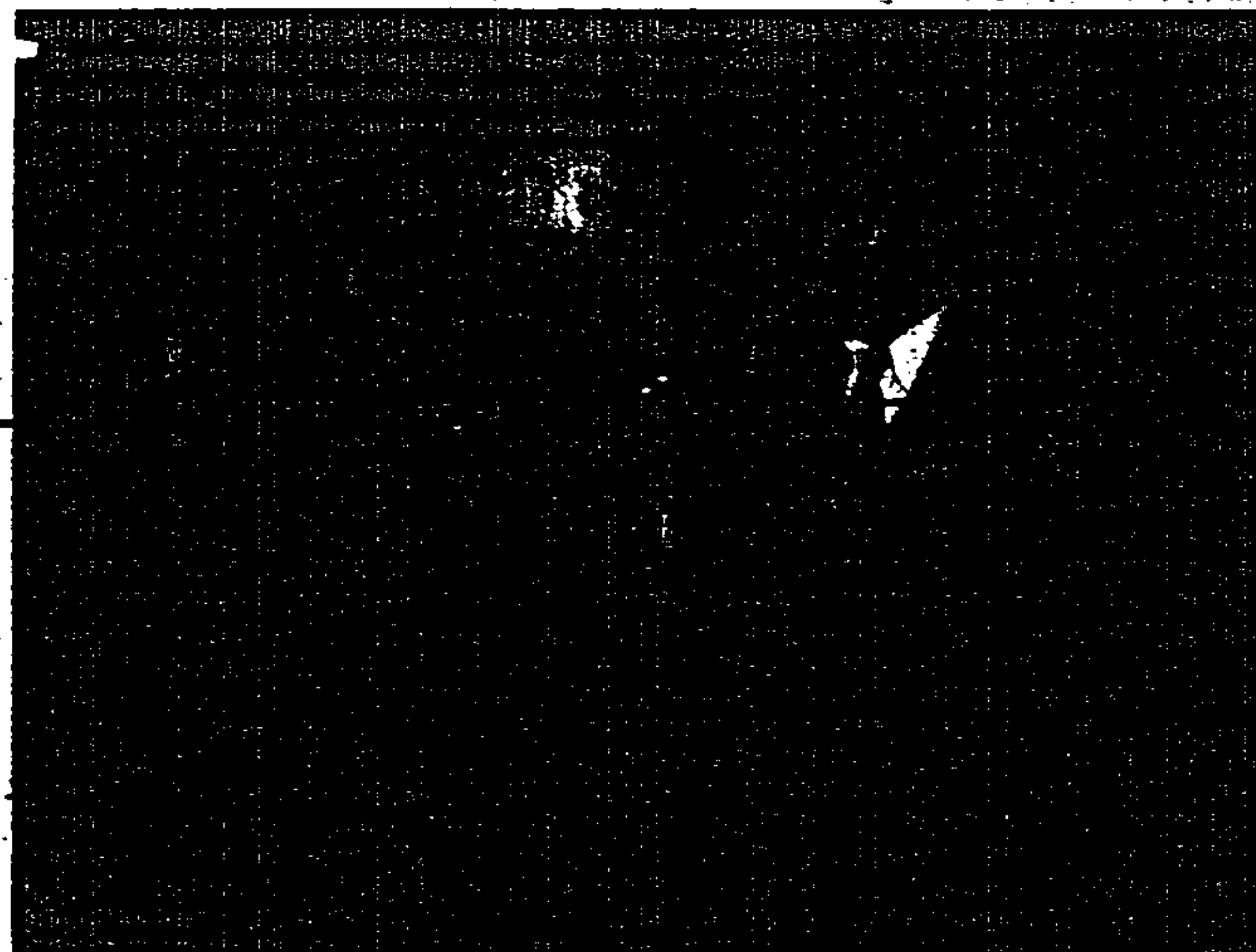
Alhambra.—"Secret Agent No. 1."—For mandarin experts. A Chinese film.

Cathay.—"Hit The Ice."—Abbott and Costello. Need we say more.

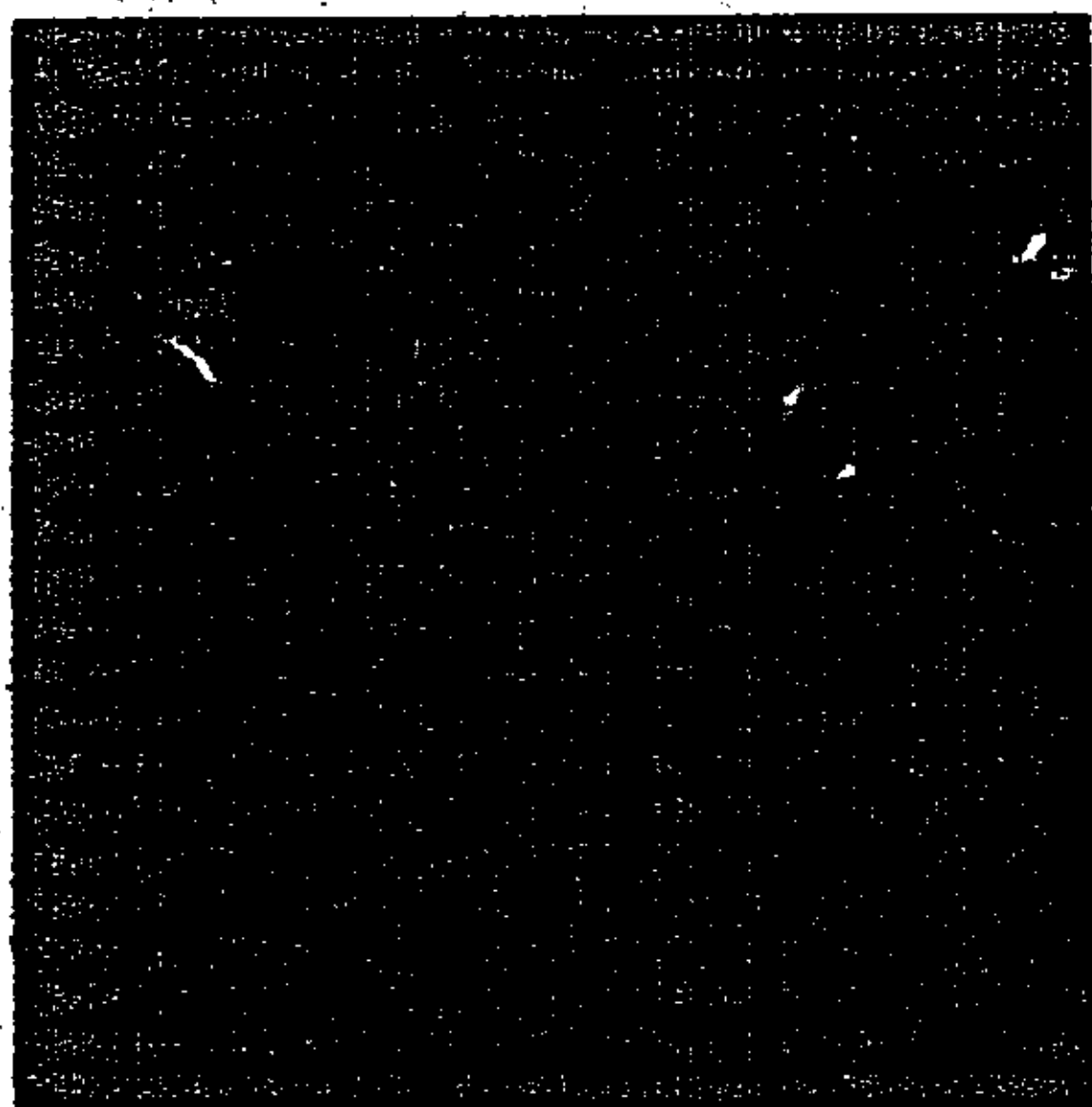
CHINA MERCHANT'S COCKTAIL PARTY



Mr. U Sze-wing, of Dodwell and Co., Director of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company greeting a guest at the Company's cocktail party during the week.



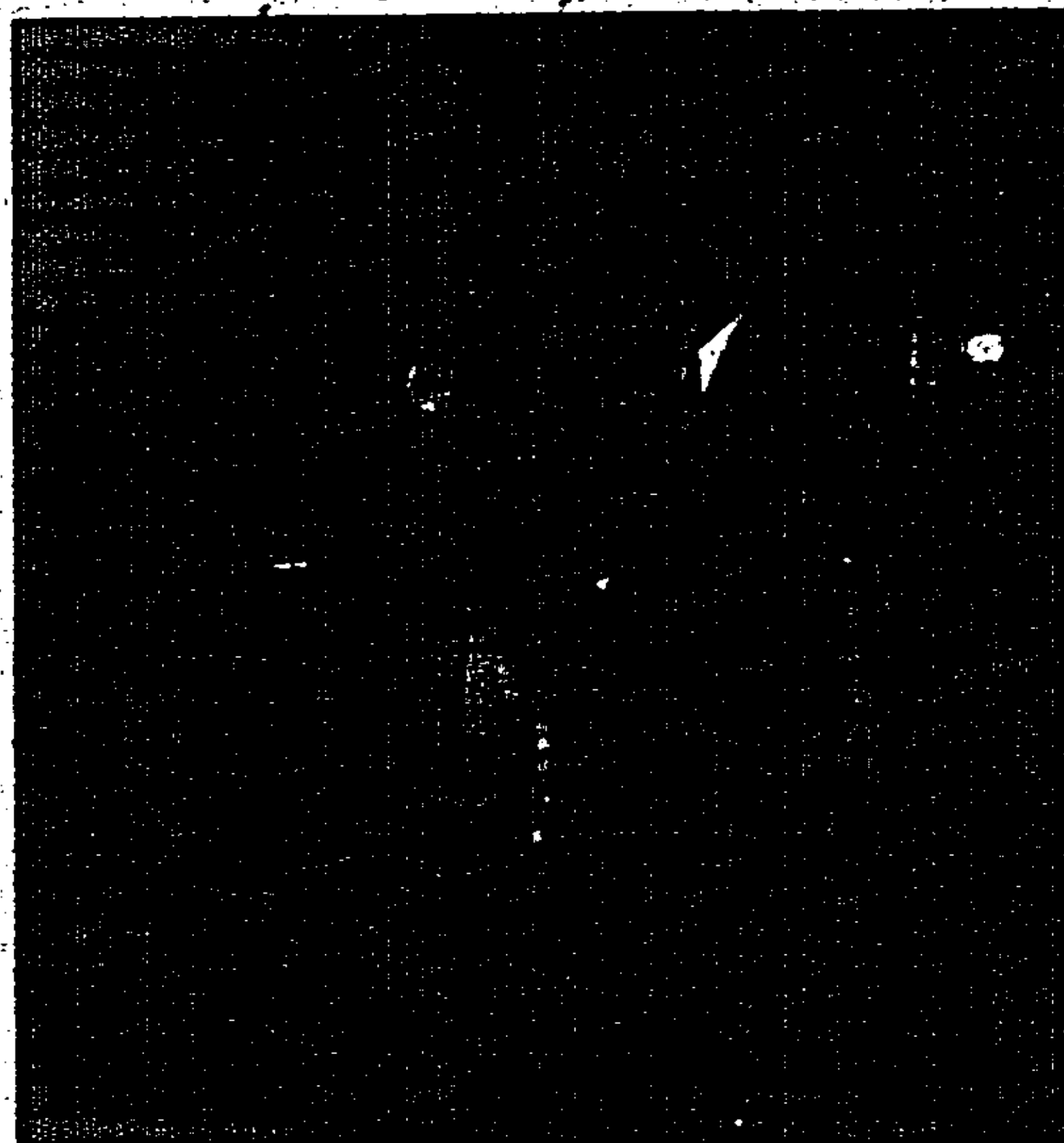
Mr. Tung Ching-wai and Mr. Wong Ching-yau, manager of the Chingnan Bank.



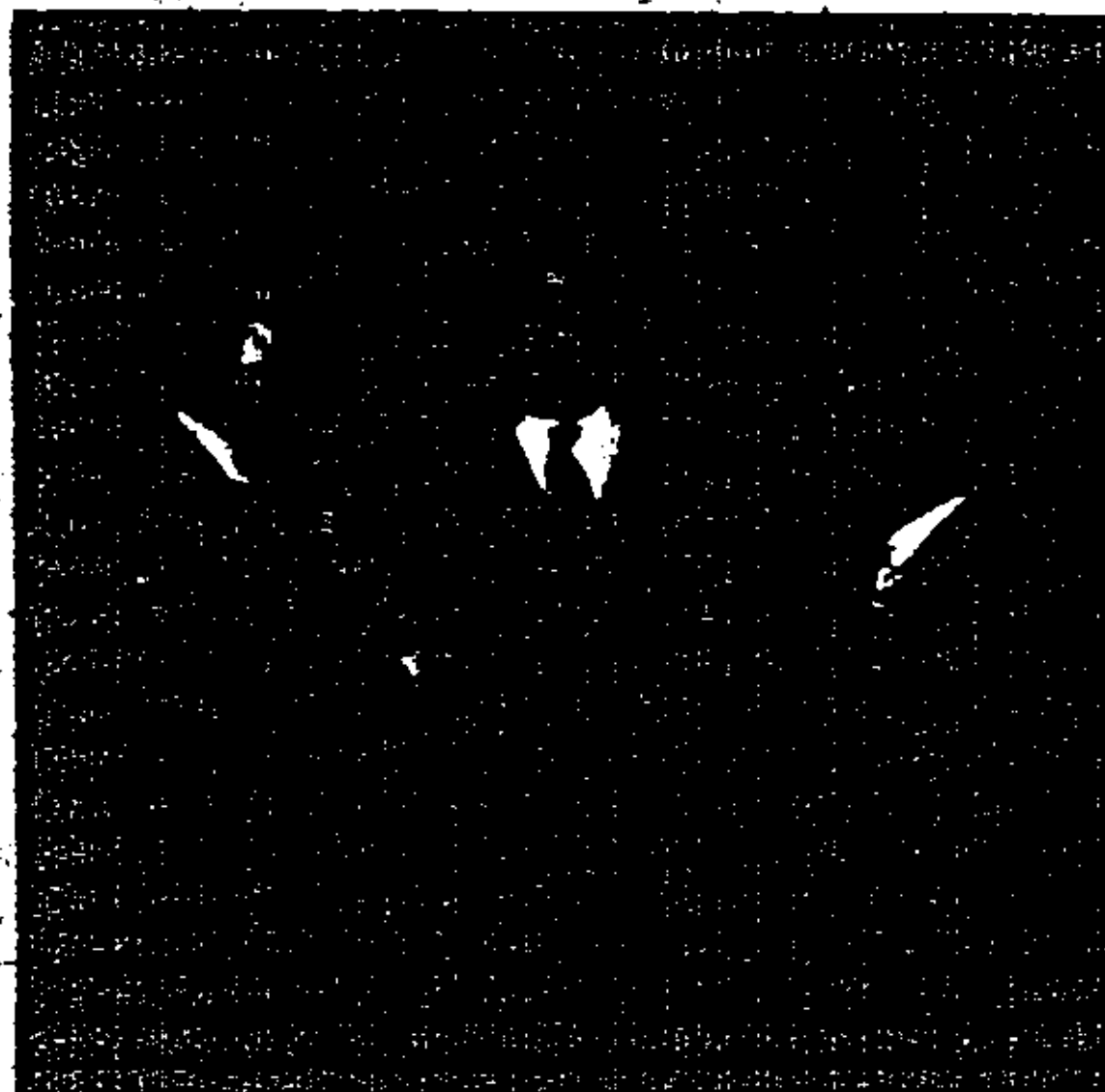
Mr. E. C. Chan, the manager, joins a toast with Mr. M. M. Watson and Dr. S. N. Chan.



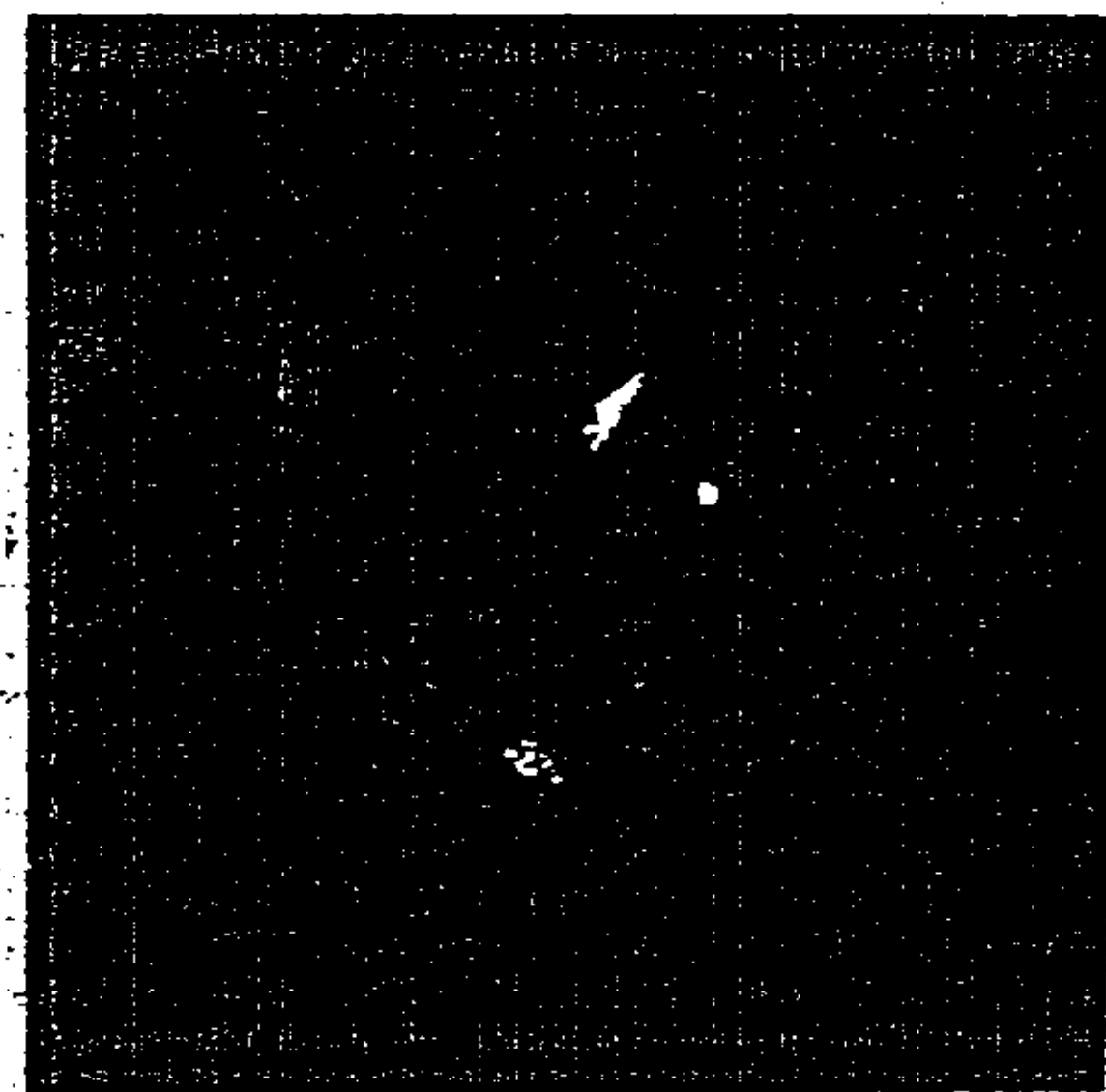
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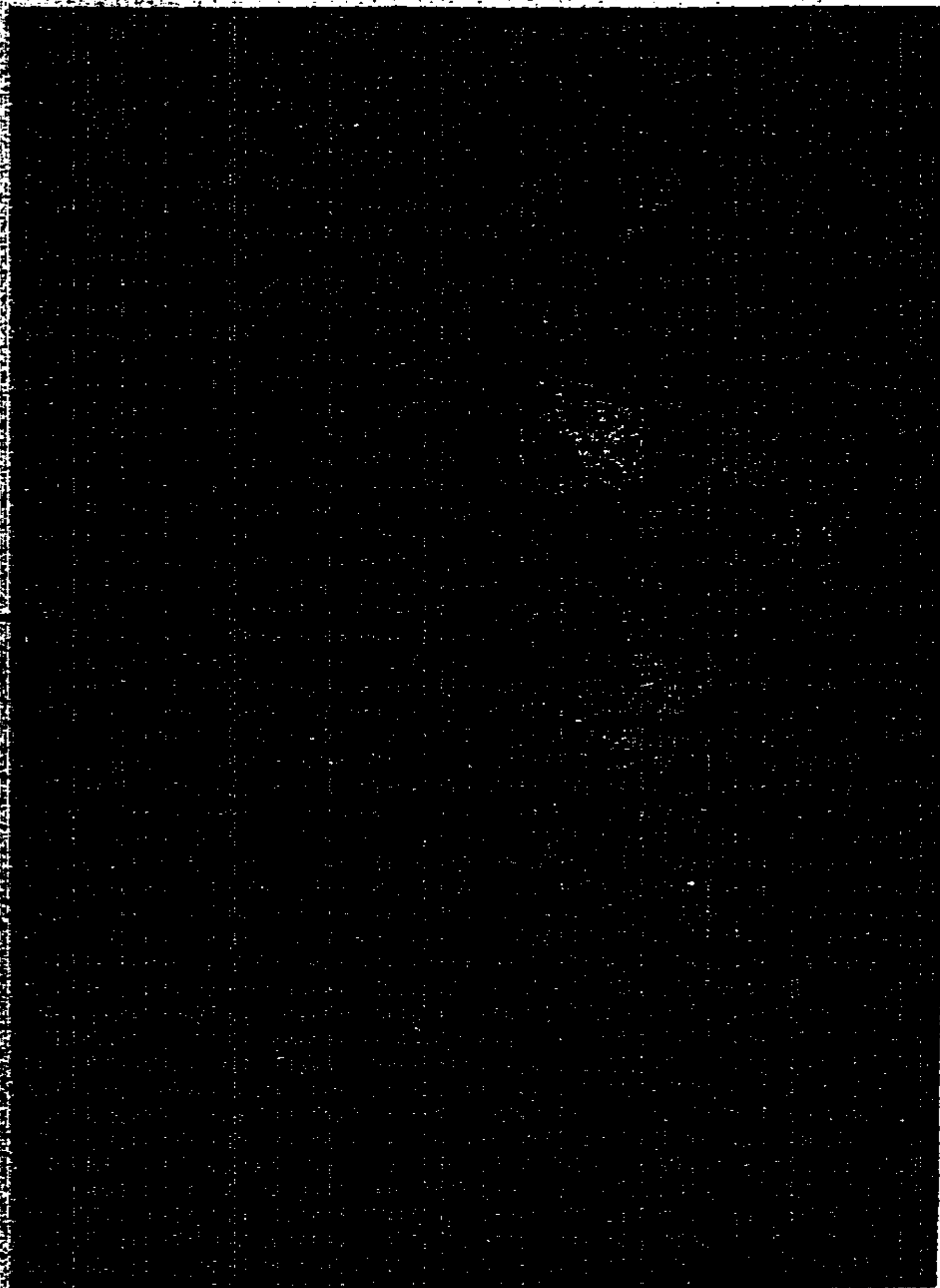
Mr. P. K. Lin, Mr. T. E. Jackson (Govt. Marine Surveyor) and Mr. S. M. Chao.



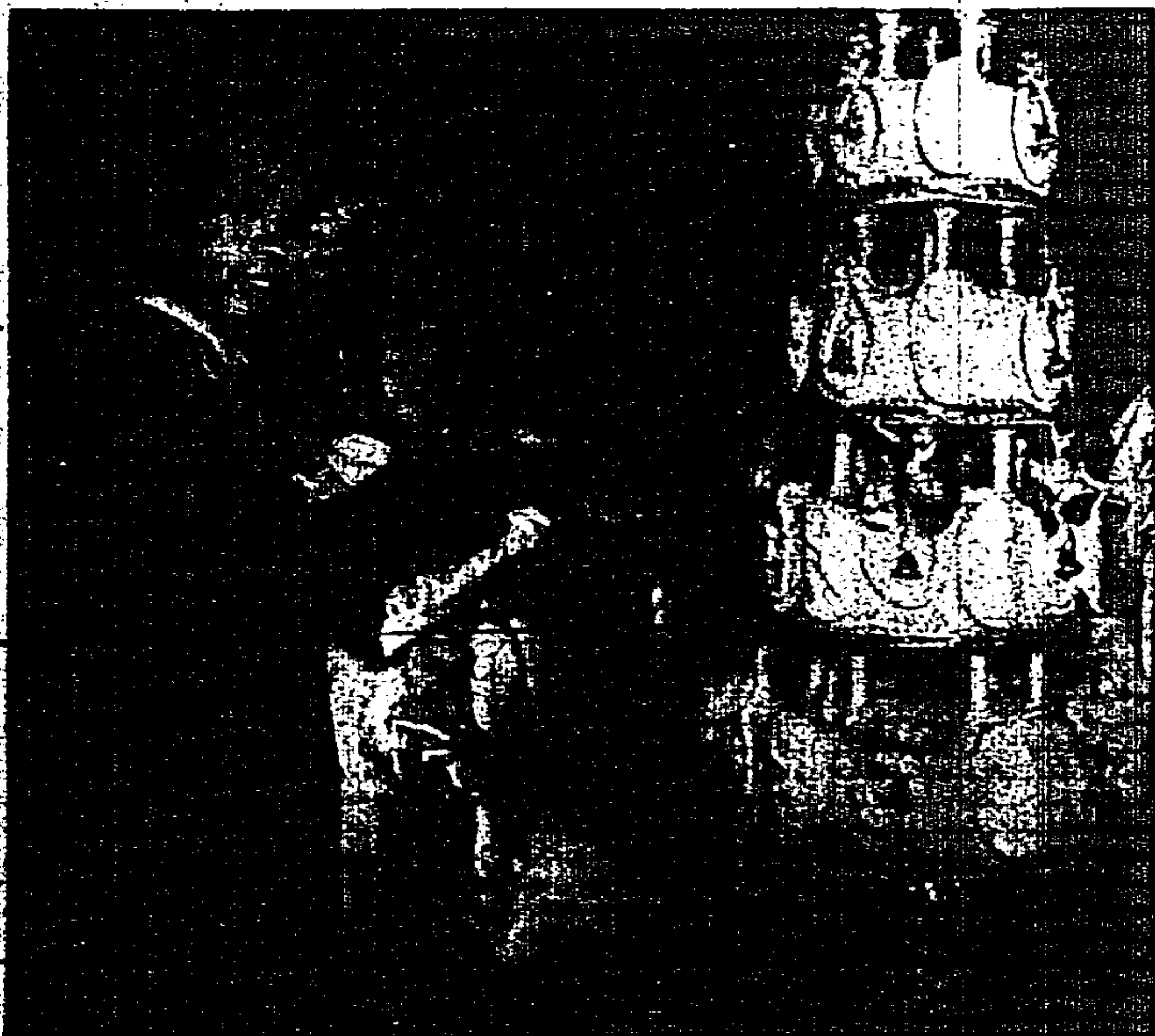
Mrs. Darkin (left) with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Smith, Fire Brigade.



Mr. K. C. Tang, Mr. G. N. Gawler, and Dr. Y. T. Lin. (All the above pictures are by Francis Fu).



Photograph taken at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden recently on the occasion of the Lauer-Hu wedding. (Francis Wu).

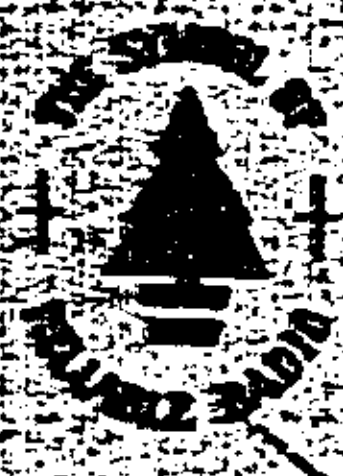


Mr. David Chi To Law and Miss Joan Ling Kwan Lau were married at the Hong Kong Hotel recently. (Francis Wu).



These are not hula-hula girls from Hawaii, but members of the staffs of the Great China Film Production Company giving a performance in aid of the H.K. Keweenaw Women's Association welfare funds. ("China Mail" photo).

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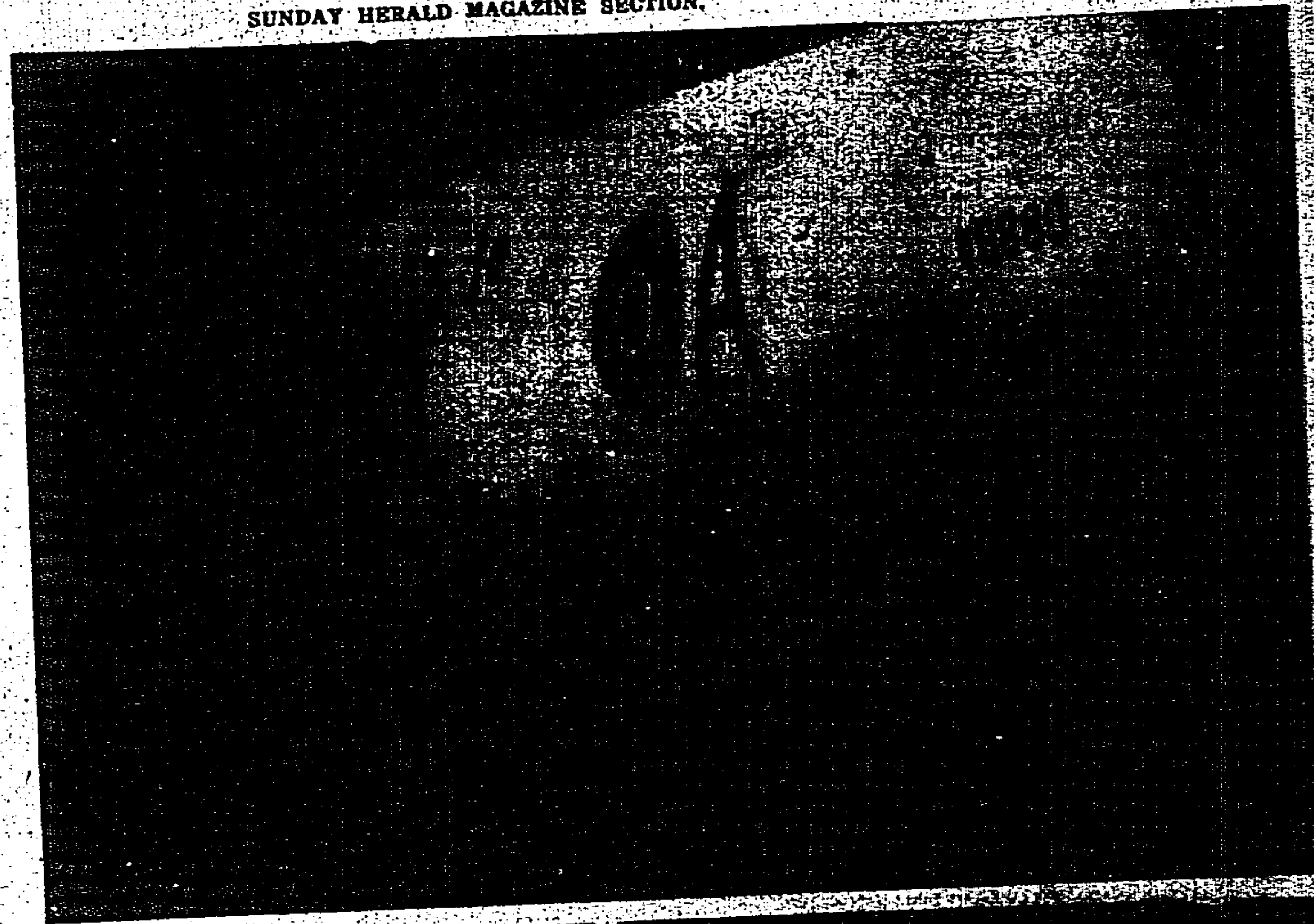
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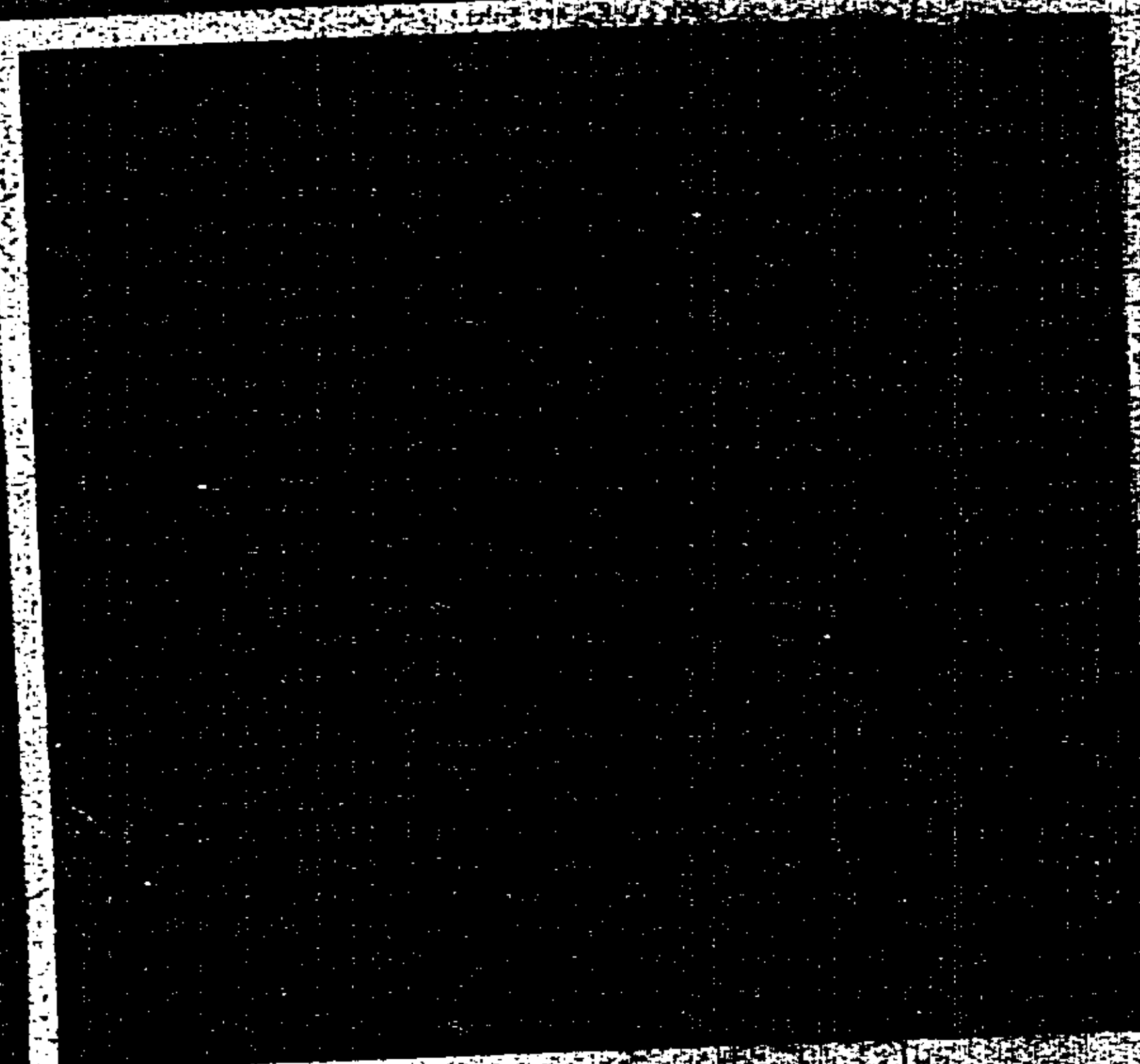
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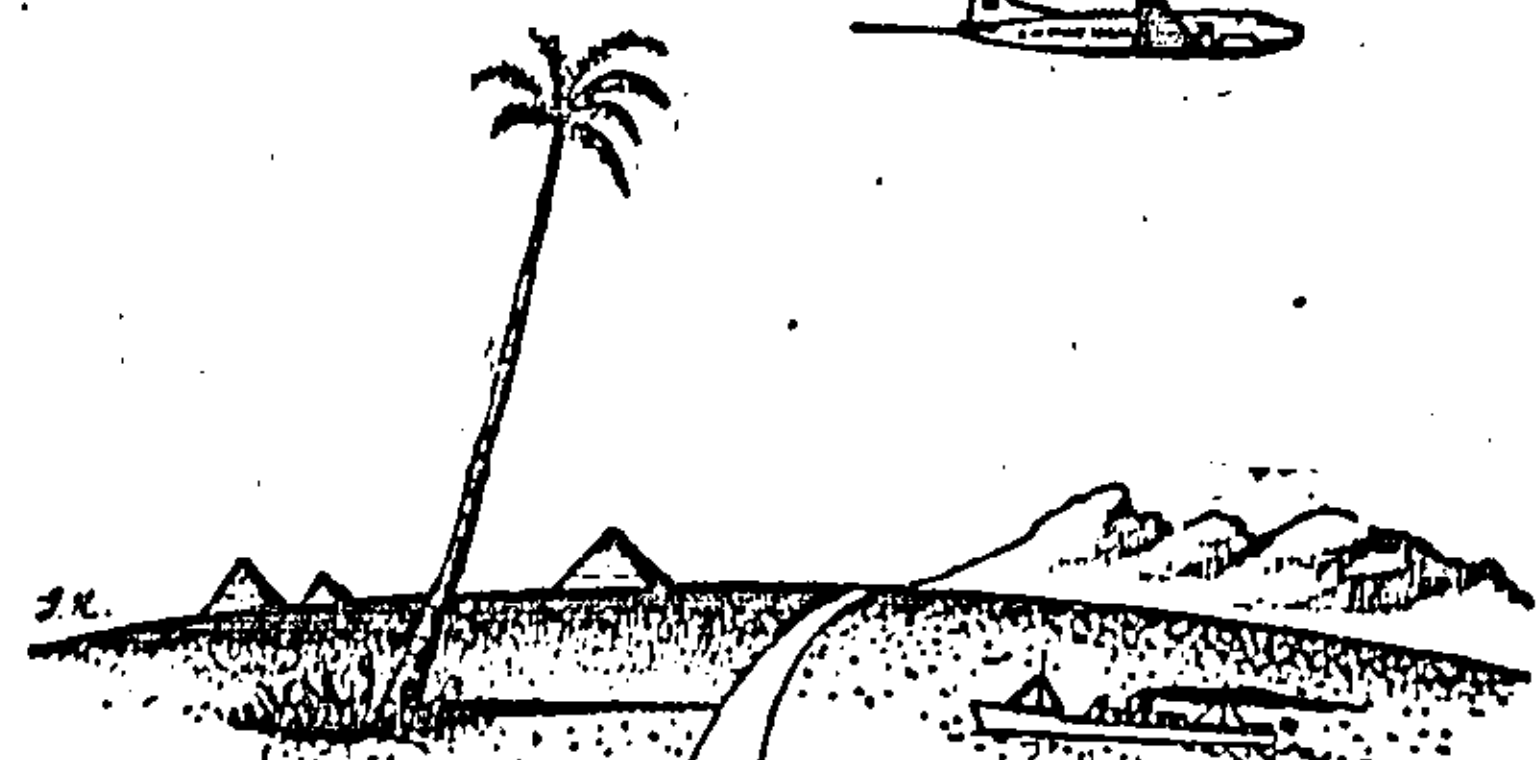
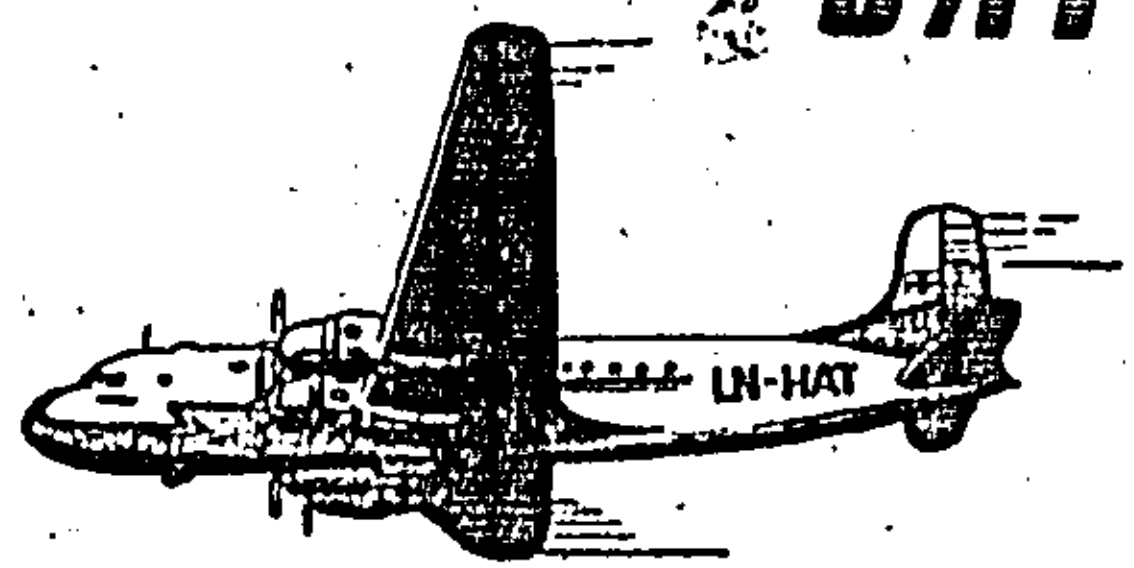


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More Concessions Almost Certain

Washington, Dec. 20. Although President Truman's Marshall Plan message to Congress gives no indication how much United States assistance will be allocated to individual countries, Reuter learned today from well-informed quarters that the original estimates of Britain's share in the first year of operation have now been scaled down from \$1,800,000,000 by approximately 15 per cent.

Officials have been very reluctant to give any "break-down" of the overall figure of the United States contribution in terms of assistance to individual countries, although they expect that the Congressional Committee to study the plan will probably insist on an approximate breakdown.

The reason is that they are anxious to preserve maximum flexibility in the operation of the Plan.

The case as presented by Mr. Truman reflected the growing

Congress by President Truman developed tonight when the Party's House of Representatives Steering Committee disclosed that the majority of the Committee would insist on holding the annual aid to \$4,000,000,000 at the most.

Amendments

It was reported that the Republicans had drawn up a complete bill, calling for such a limit and amending the scheme offered by the administration.

The vote in the Steering Committee and the drafting of a bill do not, however, mean that all Republicans in both Chambers would necessarily oppose President Truman's programme.

It does mean that a strong body of Congressional opinion supports the \$4,000,000,000 limit—originally proposed by the Senate Republican leader, Mr. Robert Taft—and will press hard for it.

It was understood that the Republican proposal would also, firstly, turn over the job of financing public works and major capital enterprises to the World Bank.

Year's Trial

Secondly, start the Plan on a one-year trial without committing Congress to four and a quarter years.

Thirdly, create a bi-partisan Government corporation, responsible equally to Congress and the President instead of a single administrator, as proposed by President Truman.

The Chairmen of the Foreign Affairs Committees of both Chambers, Representative Charles Eaton and Senator Vandenberg, are understood to have reserved their views on this scheme.—Reuter.

INDO-CHINA OFFENSIVE?

Saigon, Dec. 20. The French forces have concentrated about 20,000 troops in a plain bordering the Cochinchina province of Thudaumot, generally well-informed Vietnam (Indo-Chinese Nationalist) sources said today.

They considered that the concentration of troops in this area, centre of Vietnam resistance in the south, indicated an imminent French offensive.

The French military authorities today declined to comment on the report. The Chinese Consul-General at Saigon said the French had ordered Chinese nationals to evacuate Thudaumot.—Reuter.

dissatisfaction in the United States at the alleged failure of European countries to start putting into practice the measures to which they had pledged themselves at the Paris conference.

Opposition

One State Department memorandum high-lighted the importance of prompt implementation of such measures as initiated, and calling for bold and determined action by European countries, declared "risks must be taken by all concerned and not merely by the United States."

The passage of the Marshall Plan through Congress is by no means a certainty, and it can be taken for granted that there will have to be further concessions, and possibly a reduction in the appropriations which will make the proposals even less popular among certain segments of European opinion. Republican opposition to the Marshall plan as submitted to

20 Hid In Liner

New York, Dec. 20. The Italian liner Vulcania docked here yesterday with 20 stowaways in addition to her passenger list of 1,330.

A group of four stowaways were discovered at sea during the voyage from the Mediterranean to New York and 16 others were apprehended at the pier after a search by immigration officers.

The American Export Lines who operate the ship were reported to have ordered an investigation to determine how so many persons could remain undetected so long.—Reuter.



Pilot Officer W.J. Cavendish-Bentinck, aged 23, son of Mr. Victor Frederick Cavendish-Bentinck, formerly British Ambassador to Poland, faced a Court-Martial at the Royal Air Force Station, Hornchurch, Essex. He pleaded not guilty to two charges of "behaving in a scandalous manner unbecoming to the character of an officer and gentleman", and "conduct to the prejudice of good order and Air Force discipline." Both charges involve twenty-year-old aircraft woman 1st class Mavis Bannister, on the night of Nov. 11. (A Photo.)

Thousands Of Women Abducted By Tribes

New Delhi, Dec. 20. Raiding tribesmen have abducted 5,000 women from Mirpur district, in the south-western corner of Kashmir, where fighting has been going on for eight weeks, an Indian military spokesman said here today.

The losses of the invading tribesmen were estimated by the spokesman at 20 times those of the Indian troops, who had suffered 141 killed and 193 wounded since October 27.

Indian troops had taken 23 prisoners, including Pathans and Punjabi Muslims, he said.

The heavy proportion of the killed among casualties was due to sniping and "bitter fighting", he explained.

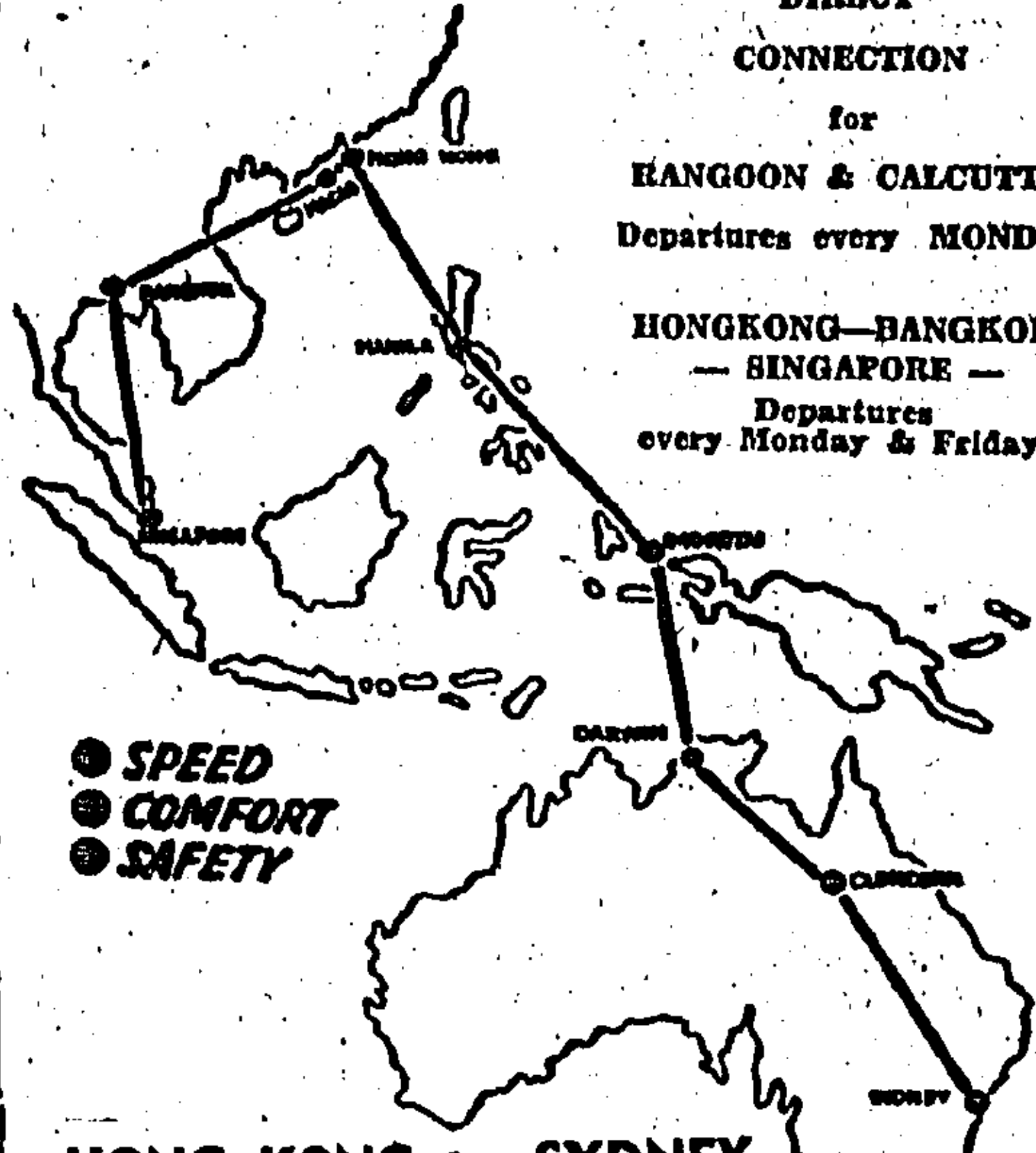
The Kashmir town of Aknur, seven miles from the Pakistan border, is in Indian hands in spite of Pakistan Radio reports to the contrary, the spokesman added. Indian Army artillery inflicted 40 casualties in an engagement with over 100 raiders in the Poonch area of southern Kashmir, tonight's Indian Defence Ministry communiqué said.—Reuter.

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FINDING THE SAFEST WAY THROUGH THE SKY

By E. Colston Shepherd

If people must go flying in the Arctic there are two matters in particular with which they have to cope. One is the inadequacy of maps drawn according to the familiar projections. The other is the need to do without the help of magnetic compasses. There are other things to be taken into account and probably others still to be found out. Apparently people do need to fly within the Arctic Circle. The United States, Britain and Russia have all given some attention to it and Britain has lately resumed her part in the investigation.

Lancastrian's Feat

A Lancastrian from the Empire Air Navigation School undertook a long flight from Iceland into the polar area, passing up the coast of Greenland and on to a point about 450 miles from the North Pole. It thence returned to its starting point. By the time it landed, it had been flying 12½ hours and had flown 2,950 miles. That Lancastrian was carrying navigation instruments.

Training flights into the Arctic Circle by other aircraft are likely to take place and officers training to become navigation specialists will have the experience of plotting courses in the somewhat abnormal circumstances. Some of the apparatus used in R.A.F. aircraft on such flights remains secret for the present but all the world knows about gyroscopic compasses which have as their reference point an imaginary work in space instead of the customary Magnetic Pole.

A magnetic compass is generally used in association with the gyro compass; and the R.A.F. last year did a useful piece of flying exploration when the Lancaster Arles rediscovered the Magnetic Pole and located it some 300 miles away from the spot where for years it had been supposed to be. The Arles, starting from Canada, flew first over the Magnetic Pole and then over the North Pole and in doing so collected a great deal of useful information about the areas in which magnetic compasses go haywire and cannot be trusted.

Special Maps

Now the technique of Arctic flying is being thoroughly investigated and organised. It is evidently to be a mixture of various aids to navigation adapted or

modified to meet the special conditions. Maps, for instance, need to be specially treated. Those swiftly converging lines of longitude near the North Pole together with the difficulty of getting a trustworthy shot at a star in the neighbourhood of the Pole demand special treatment. A good system which was devised by Professor McClure of McGill University and tested by him as a member of the crew of the Arles is substituted for ordinary lines on the map and something additional to celestial observations is required.

One of the additions is the new aid to navigation which is derived from meteorological observations. It is known as pressure pattern flying. Described roughly this means that from changes in atmospheric pressure a pilot can tell whether he is in a "high" or "low" and from established knowledge of the characteristics of a cyclonic or anti-cyclonic area can steer a course across it by following the appropriate pressure line.

In other words there is a pressure pattern in most weather systems which can be used by the pilot to make his way from A to B. That method of navigation was used by the Lancastrian in its recent Arctic journey but, as a means of supplementing this, some use was made of the long range radar aids like Loran. It so happened that the magnetic compasses were not unreliable as they might have been if the flight had been begun 400 miles farther west.

Check Methods

This, flight, therefore, had the advantage of allowing several checks of methods of navigation which would have to be employed in flying over the North Pole from certain parts of North America. For training purposes this advantage was of great value and will obviously be helpful in any subsequent training flights that might be undertaken. It permits practice to be had without undue risk of getting lost and perhaps having to land on territory where no harm or welcome would be found. It should thus yield navigators capable of finding their way over the North Pole from starting points in Canada.

A flight over the North Pole from England leads nowhere in particular but a journey over the Pole from Canada would be the nearest way to Australia and New Zealand. That could be of real interest to the United States. If at any time air reinforcements had to be sent to the South Pacific, a flight from America to Northern Europe would also pass through the area of heavy disturbance from the Magnetic Pole. What Britain is doing, therefore, in equipping navigators from all parts of the Commonwealth for Arctic navigation without magnetic compasses, has a general interest.

The logical thing will be to test the new technique in the most unfavourable circumstances and this could be done by organising a flight from Canada to Australia "over the top". I should not be surprised if such a trip were undertaken by the R.A.F. in association with the Royal Canadian Air Force. The idea has been mentioned in England. If it is carried out it will make

a fine example of the efficacy of the methods designed to overcome the peculiar difficulties of flying without orthodox aids.

Air Strategy

Meanwhile the practice flights will go on collecting information, too little is known about Arctic weather, about signals in the Arctic and about various Arctic phenomena. Little by little we should become acquainted with conditions of Arctic flying and be able to judge what states of weather will forbid polar flying or what steps should be taken to deal with special risks.

Few passengers may want to make journeys by air through the Arctic but some day a saving of time may lead to the use of Arctic routes. By then, the experience now being gathered by the R.A.F. should add up to a good deal. For the present, Arctic navigation seems to be concerned in the main with air strategy. For one thing there are no anti-aircraft defences yet at the Pole and if another war should come, the route over polar wastes may be the safest way to almost anywhere.

Russia's Part In The Pacific War

In a commentary entitled "Japan and Peace Settlement" Radio Moscow today attacked Miles W. Vaughn, United Press Vice-President and General for Asia, for his evaluation of the part the Soviet Union played in the Pacific War.

The section of the broadcast devoted to the attack on Vaughn said: "Only this month the 'Nippon Times' published an item by the head of the Far Eastern office of United Press, Miles Vaughn (sic) about the peace treaty with Japan. Later it was reported in many Tokyo papers which shows the importance attached to it.

"Yet it is hard to imagine a more slanderous article. For instance its author claims that the stance its author claims that the Soviet Union made almost no direct contribution to the war against Japan and did not even declare war on Japan until Tokyo began to do its utmost to terminate hostilities after the Americans dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

"Brazen Lying"

"One hardly knows what to be amazed at—the abysmal ignorance of the author or his brazen lying.

"What self-respecting newspaperman would deny the following three well-known facts: "1. In contrast to its Allies who during the war kept postponing carrying out their pledge to open a second front the Soviet Union, loyal as usual to its undertakings, began the war on Japan on the very day which had been decided upon at Yalta, that is, three months after Germany's surrender; "2. The Soviet Union played a decisive role in defeating Fascist Germany and this pre-determined the collapse of Japan; "3. When the Soviet Union entered the war the Japanese army was almost intact. "One million crack Japanese troops the flower of the Japanese army were stationed in Manchuria and Korea ready to wage protracted war. Only the smashing action of the Soviet troops de-

prived Japan of all prospects of continuing the war and compelled her surrender.

"The slander of Miles Vaughn and his kind is supposed to distract attention from the problems relating to the peace treaty with Japan."

The lengthy broadcast, heard by the Soviet monitor, recounted Russia's attempts on July 22, August 25 and November 27 to summon a special session of the Foreign Ministers Council in the immediate future to discuss the problem of Japan. The broadcast concluded with this shot: "The United States is strongly opposed to having the Ministers Council map the Japanese peace treaty on the basis of cooperation of the great powers; instead it insists on a conference of 11 countries most of which are directly dependent on the United States economically and politically; furthermore the decision should be passed by a two-thirds majority.

"The reactionary American press does not conceal the fact that this proposal is directed against the Soviet Union.

"There are also demands to conclude a separate peace with Japan without the participation of the Soviet Union. But despite all these schemes it is plain that a stable peace settlement with Japan cannot be made without the participation of the Soviet Union which is one of the decisive factors in Far Eastern policy.

"Cooperation with the Soviet Union will ensure conclusion of a peace treaty based on demilitarisation and democratisation of Japan. And on no other basis can genuine and lasting peace in Far East be secured."—United Press.

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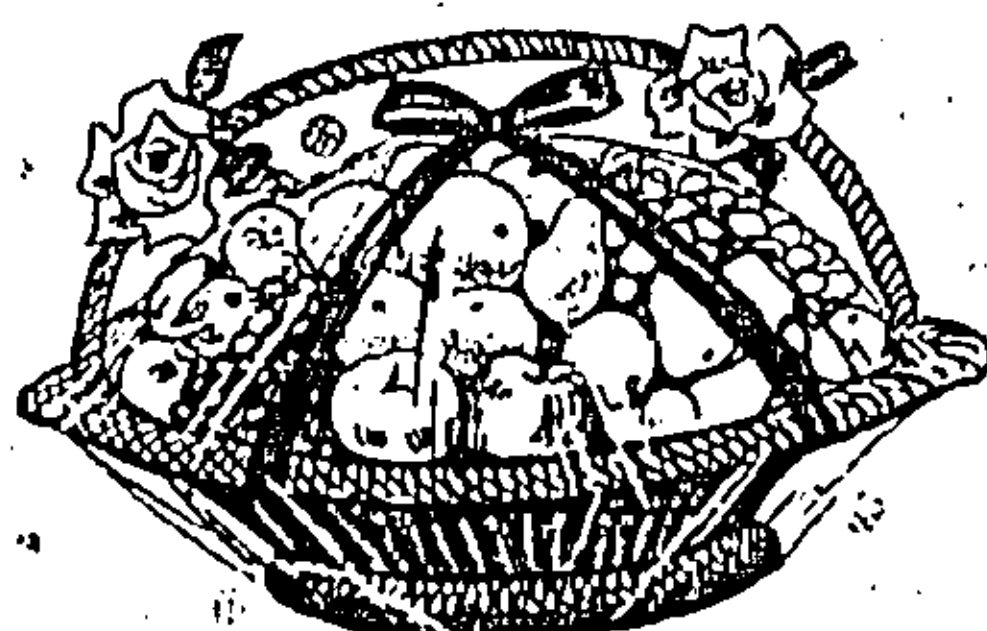
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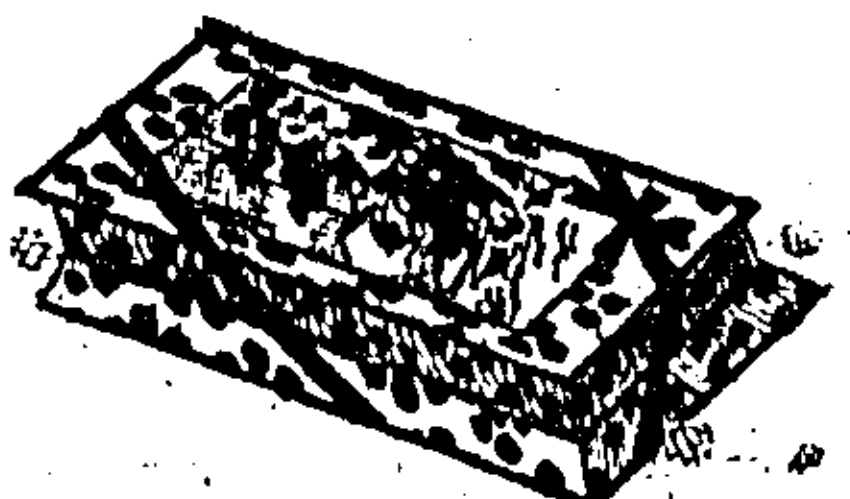
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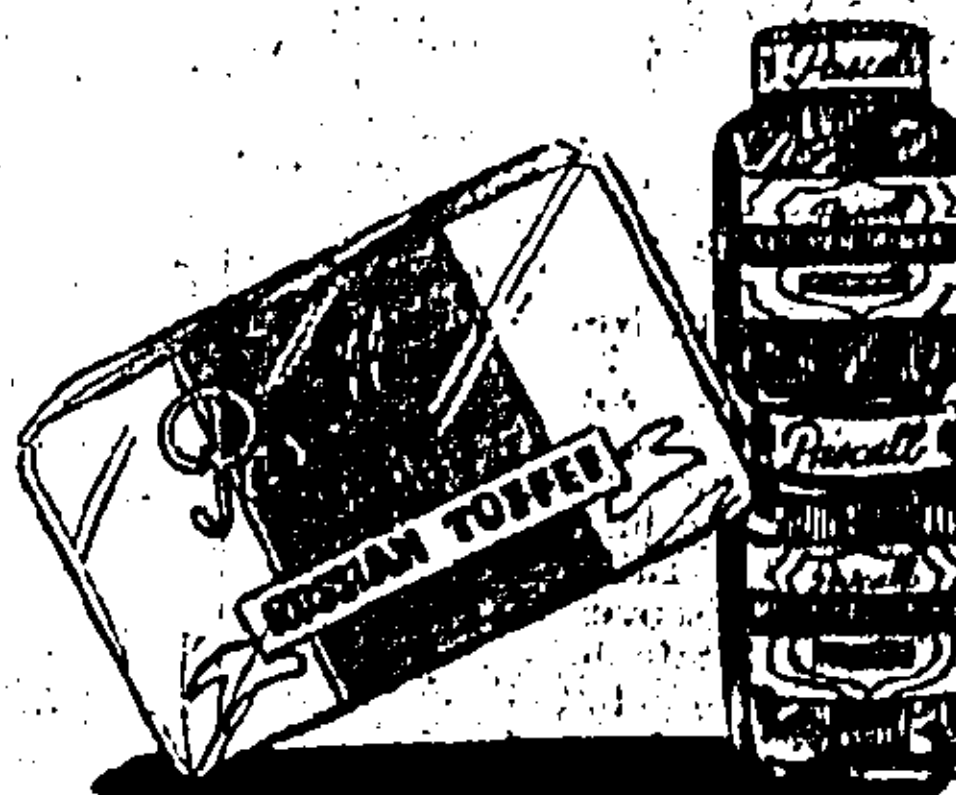
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DRASTIC STEPS IN FRANCE Mayer Plan For "Soaking The Rich" Scheme To Fight Inflation

Paris, Dec. 19.

Economic and financial measures to save the franc by fighting inflation were presented to the National Assembly this afternoon by the Finance Minister, M. Rene Mayer. Chief of these was an "exceptional tax" payable once only on all industrial, commercial and agricultural profits and individual salaries exceeding 750,000 francs per year.

Other measures were a ten-year tax-free loan bearing three per cent interest and a third dealing with the 1948 budget.

M. Mayer said that the object of the Government's financial and economic proposals was to fight inflation.

He said that wages and prices, after certain adjustments in the price of coal following the recent wage increases must be maintained at a new level until the harvest of 1948.

The Finance Minister described the Mayer Plan as a "great work of art" for the reconstruction of war-damaged Europe.

External credit, he said, were necessary for reconstruction purposes, but they must not be used to bolster the current budget of the state.

Industrial Reform

Modernisation and reconstruction must be continued, M. Mayer said, or France would never be in a position to produce a surplus with which to repay credits which she hoped for.

M. Mayer also submitted to the Assembly a bill establishing a commission to control the accounts of nationalised industries.

Declaring that the Government was not going back on nationalisation, he said that reform was needed in the administration of some industries. The coal industry, for example, needed re-organising of the entire management.

M. Mayer, in an earlier interview, categorically denied rumours on the Paris stock exchange of impending devaluation of the franc.

The objects of the special tax on profits and salaries payable by the end of next May were described as two-fold.

Subsidies Stopped

The levy, it was stated, was intended to ensure also that reconstruction next year could be financed without resorting to loans from the Bank of France.

The scale of the tax levied on commercial and industrial profits ranged from 5,000 francs, where taxable profit does not exceed 15,000 francs, to 20,000 francs where profit is between 35,000 and 45,000 francs. Five per cent and francs will be levied every 10,000 francs earned above 45,000 francs. The scale is less heavy on professional profits.

M. Mayer indicated that all government subsidies to industry would be ended.

He contrasted the substantial improvement in production and progress of reconstruction since liberation with the persistent monetary instability and constant rise in prices.

The Finance Minister announced a further 38 per cent increase in the pitched price of coal to 2,800 francs and increases in first and second class railway fares.

Night Life Hit

Prices of coal, textiles, ores and imported products would be controlled and there would also

be a category of semi-control prices fixed in agreement with employers' organisations.

There would be an annual tax on unearned income and raised taxes on night clubs and other night resorts. The opening of new night clubs would be banned after Jan. 1.

M. Mayer said that the Government, wishing to encourage overtime work, would eliminate payments for special insurance funds by employers and workers in respect of wages earned for work above 45 hours weekly.

The Minister also announced tax concessions for married men with more than one child.

He indicated that there would be need to reform the nation's fiscal system, which, he said, was inadequate and compared the French price increases since 1944 with the inflationary trends in Germany between 1920 and 1923.

He forecast a temporary reduction of certain French exports, such as agricultural machinery, next year.

Under the 1948 budget the Government would spend roughly 900,000 million.—Reuter.

U.K. TRADE FIGURES

London, Dec. 20.
Britain's adverse balance of trade fell to £31,000,000 last month, the lowest figure since February this year.

Exports in November and retained imports amounted to £102,300,000 and retained imports to £134,200,000.

In the first 11 months of this year imports were £1,033,000,000, resulting in an adverse trade balance of £550,000,000, as against £507,000,000 in the corresponding period of 1946.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN PACT WITH SLAVS

Bucharest, Dec. 20.

A pact of friendship, collaboration and mutual assistance has been signed between Rumania and Yugoslavia.

Marshal Tito, the Yugoslav Premier, arrived in Bucharest on Wednesday to negotiate the treaty with the Premier of Rumania, M. Peter Groz.

This pact is the latest of a series of agreements ranging from cultural exchanges to customs unions and mutual assistance pacts which have been signed between the Eastern European states in the past few months.—Reuter.

Britain's Food Position:

EXPECTED TO WORSEN BEFORE IMPROVING

London, Dec. 20.

The expectation amongst British Government experts is that the food position is going to be worse before it is better. The full force of the food economies will not be felt until some time next year.

The extent to which these economies can be offset by supplies from other sources remains to be seen. The negotiations with Denmark, which were broken off some time ago over a question of price, will be resumed next month.

Mr. Marquand, Paymaster-General, who has been doing special work on the economic side, is soon to visit South America and the African colonies, and later other countries, to develop exports, and additional supplies of food and other essentials to this country. These missions are of great consequence to our standard of living during the next year or two.

Stafford Cripps

Sir Stafford Cripps is organising a much closer liaison between financial and economic policy. Before he became Chancellor of the Exchequer the link between economic affairs and the Treasury was loose and unsatisfactory. Policy tended to be isolated, as the opposition pointed out more than once.

Inside reports of Sir Stafford's grasp of economic and financial problems and of his energy are good. The question occasionally asked is: Can he stand the pressure? As it stands, one can only say that, so far he seems to be standing it well.

He is paying particular attention to production, and maintaining close touch with the National Production Advisory Council of Industry. This body represents both sides, its work is little reported and consists of advising the Government on production problems and hearing reports from departments concerned with production.—Our Own Correspondent.

SHANGHAI FIRE

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

A small fire broke out on the sixth floor of Broadway Mansions Hotel, 18-storey building, housing Army personnel and foreign correspondents. There was small damage. A number of occupants fled to the street.—United Press.

Difficulty Lies In The Method

New York, Dec. 20.
The New York Herald Tribune's lead editorial today said the Senate Appropriations Committee, which questioned L. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer and others as regards aid to China, "would have gained more useful advice if it had asked what methods could be devised to give aid to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in such a way that it would produce the desired results."

Continuing, the editorial said: "There is no need to decide whether the United States would prefer an independent China and no need to convince America that investment to promote the independence of China is desirable. The difficulty is to find a way to make an investment that seems sensible."

"The American problem is to give aid in such a way that efficiency and honesty will be encouraged and that officials who believe in democracy will grow in strength," Gen. Wedemeyer might have some useful ideas on the subject.—United Press.

"WILD TIGERS" BROKEN UP

Singapore, Dec. 20.

A high Indonesian official said today that the Indonesian Republican police force had broken up the "Wild Tigers", a private army led by a Japanese which has been fighting both the Indonesians and Dutch in Sumatra for nearly two years.

The official, who reached Singapore after slipping through the Dutch blockade around Republican Sumatra, said 20 senior officers of the army were captured in raids near Tapanoei, 100 miles south-east of Medan, two weeks ago, and that a military court had sentenced six officers to death.—Associated Press.

NAZIS ARRESTED

Vienna, Dec. 20.

Fifty people have been arrested throughout Austria for alleged large-scale smuggling operations, with the proceeds of which they planned to form a new illegal Nazi organisation, the Ministry of the Interior stated today.

The series of arrests, most of which were made in Upper Austria, began early in November. Some were wanted by the police as officials of the Nazi Party or SS, including a number wanted for war crimes, who have been living in Austria with false names and papers since the liberation.—Reuter.

Berlin, Dec. 20.
United States troops will remain in Berlin as long as there are American troops in Germany, Colonel Frank L. Howley, military commander in the American Zone of Berlin, said here today in a statement quoted by the German news service in the British Zone.—Reuter.

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Sourabaya Sue Gets A Passport

Singapore, Dec. 20.
British-born Mrs. Muriel Tantry Pearson, known to thousands of British troops as "Sourabaya Sue" because of her broadcasts to them after they had liberated Indonesia, has been granted an American passport on the orders of the State Department and will shortly go to America by air.

Mrs. Pearson married an American before going in 1934 to the island of Bali, Dutch East Indies, where she kept an hotel.

She was imprisoned by the Japanese during the war and after the liberation of the Dutch East Indies she broadcast appeals to British troops over the Sourabaya Radio, Java, urging them to cease operations against the Indonesian Republicans. She was known then as Kotet Tantry.

Mrs. Pearson left Indonesia with the help of the Indonesian underground movement and went to Singapore where she was allowed to stay pending the completion of passport formalities.

Recently she visited Australia but her stay was cut short because she had lost her passport during the war and was consequently a person of "undetermined nationality."

The American passport was issued soon after she returned to Singapore.—Reuter.

INDIAN RIOTING

New Delhi, Dec. 20.

Home Minister Sardar V. Patel said today that 55 had been killed in ten days of Hindu-Muslim rioting in the holy city of Ajmer, where a major Moslem shrine is located. Three were police.

Patel said there had been "severe losses of property" in the disorders, which began on Dec. 5 and were brought under control on Dec. 15.

In the capital itself, police said one was killed yesterday in the first flare-up of Hindu-Muslim strife since the September riots.—Associated Press.

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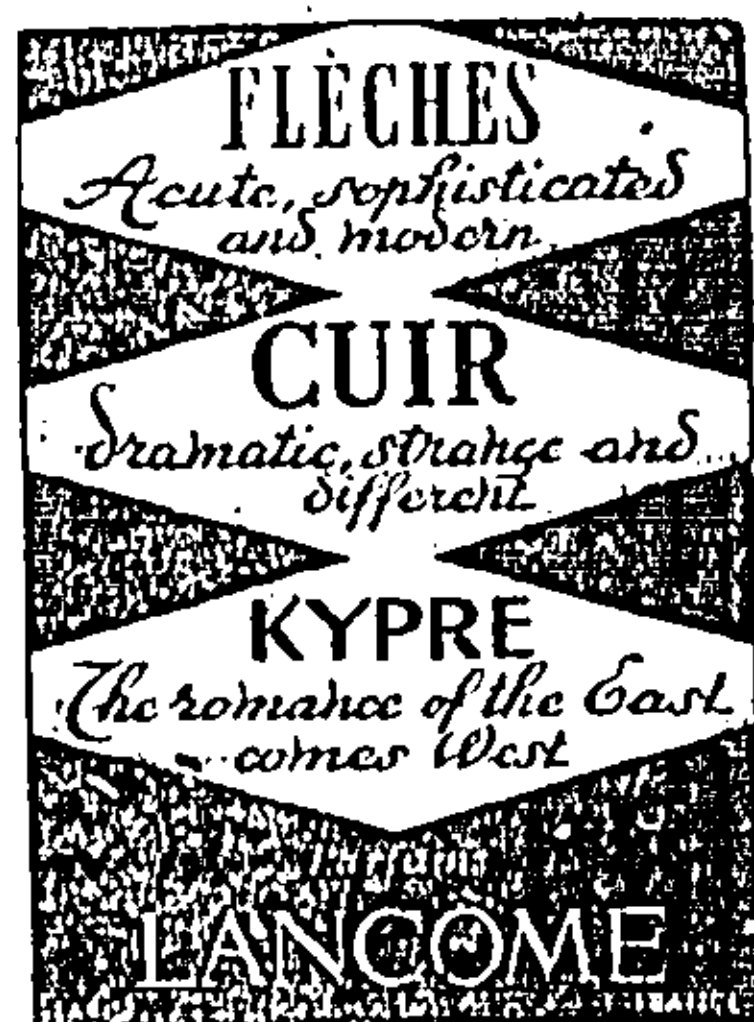
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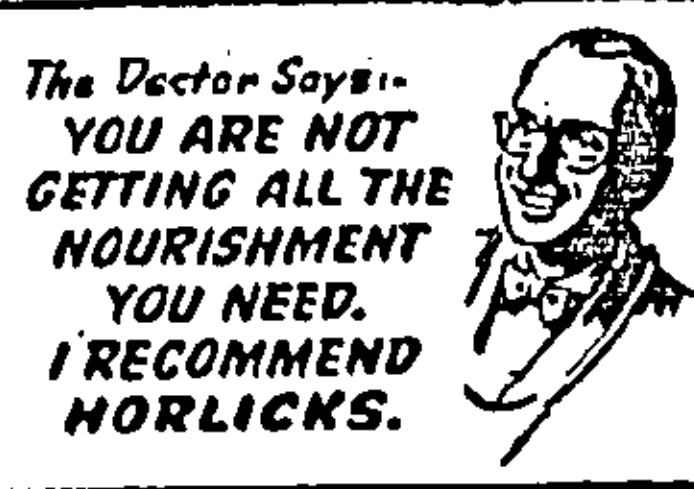
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Washington, Dec. 19. Congress today put final approval on US\$540,000,000 for stopgap foreign aid (including US\$18,000,000 for China) and US\$340,000,000 for Army occupation in Japan, Korea and Germany, after sidestepping a threatened one-man anti-China filibuster in the last hours of its emergency session.

The House conferees succeeded in chopping US\$150,000,000 off the sum asked by President Truman for Army operations in the occupied zones. But Senate Republican leaders said "the door is open" for the Army to ask Congress later to grant its original plea for US\$490,000,000.

The overall figure was US\$914,286,600. The final vote was jeopardized in the House when Representative Vito Marcantonio, only minor party member, cut loose with a series of Parliamentary

manoeuvres designed to block spending for China. He said he was opposed to "any aid to Chiang Kai-shek."

Confusion

As a result, both Republican and Democratic leaders were forced to appeal to their colleagues to stay at their desks. Many members already had left to prepare for their holiday journeys home, but were summoned back so that the necessary quorum would be on hand. A few had to cancel railway and airline reservations.

Rep. Marcantonio, who has consistently opposed the administration's programme of relief for non-Communist countries, kept the House in confusion with a threat demand roll-call votes on the final version of the bill which the Senate and House conferees approved shortly before 7 p.m. EST. But he gave up when it became apparent that members were willing to wait him out and the measure went through both chambers in a final burst of speed that sent lawmakers scurrying for transportation home.

It was approved in the House first by a standing vote of 333-2. Then the Senate rapped it through by voice vote and promptly followed it up with a roar of approval at the motion to adjourn.—United Press.

Iran Without Government

TEHRAN, DEC. 20. THE MAJLIS SPEAKER, FAKHER HEKMAT, TODAY GAVE UP HIS ATTEMPTS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT AND RESIGNED THE PREMIERSHIP IN IRAN OVER THE BREAKDOWN OF THE LONDON FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

The surprisingly strong reaction to the situation among the big powers even overshadowed the new crisis which left Iran again without a government to guide it.

The Leftist daily paper Iranna said flatly: "Iran is now in the same plight as in August 1941" when Soviet troops occupied Northern Iran and British troops the southern part of the country.—United Press.

PERJURY CHARGE AGAINST GENERAL

Washington, Dec. 20. A Federal Grand Jury today indicted Major General Bennett E. Meyer on charges of perjury and inducing others to swear to falsehoods.

The charges grew out of a Senate War Investigating Committee's inquiry into Meyer's business deals while he was purchasing officer for the Army Air Force.—Associated Press.



Yugoslav Premier Georgi Dimitroff (left) and Marshal Josip Broz-Tito, Yugoslav Prime Minister are seen before they signed a treaty of mutual assistance between their two countries at the former Royal summer Black Sea residence at Eokhograd, near Varna (Bulgaria). Yugoslavia is signing a similar treaty with Hungary and Rumania. (AP Photo.)

ALLOCATIONS OF MEN TO THE SERVICES

London, Dec. 20. Mr. Alexander, Minister of Defence, speaking in the House of Commons today on an adjournment motion, dealt with points raised in the debate concerning the allocation of manpower to the Services, and said that the smooth "run-down" of the forces had resulted in a "cushion" of unemployment.

Asked if cancellation of the March registration meant that the balance of men it had been proposed to call up next year would be called up in the second half of the year, Mr. Alexander replied that it was intended to postpone registration throughout the year so that the call up would proceed on the same regular progress as in the past.

U.S. PROVIDES SURPRISE

Washington, Dec. 19. The Senate President, Arthur H. Vandenberg, today announced to the Senate that the State Department has cut off all shipments of dismantled German plants to Russia.

The surprise announcement was made by Vandenberg on the Senate floor during a debate on the appropriations bill for emergency relief to France, Italy, China and Austria.

Vandenberg said he was informed by the State Department that American policy would be "to make no further shipments of dismantled plants eastward. If any shipments are made they will be westward."—United Press.

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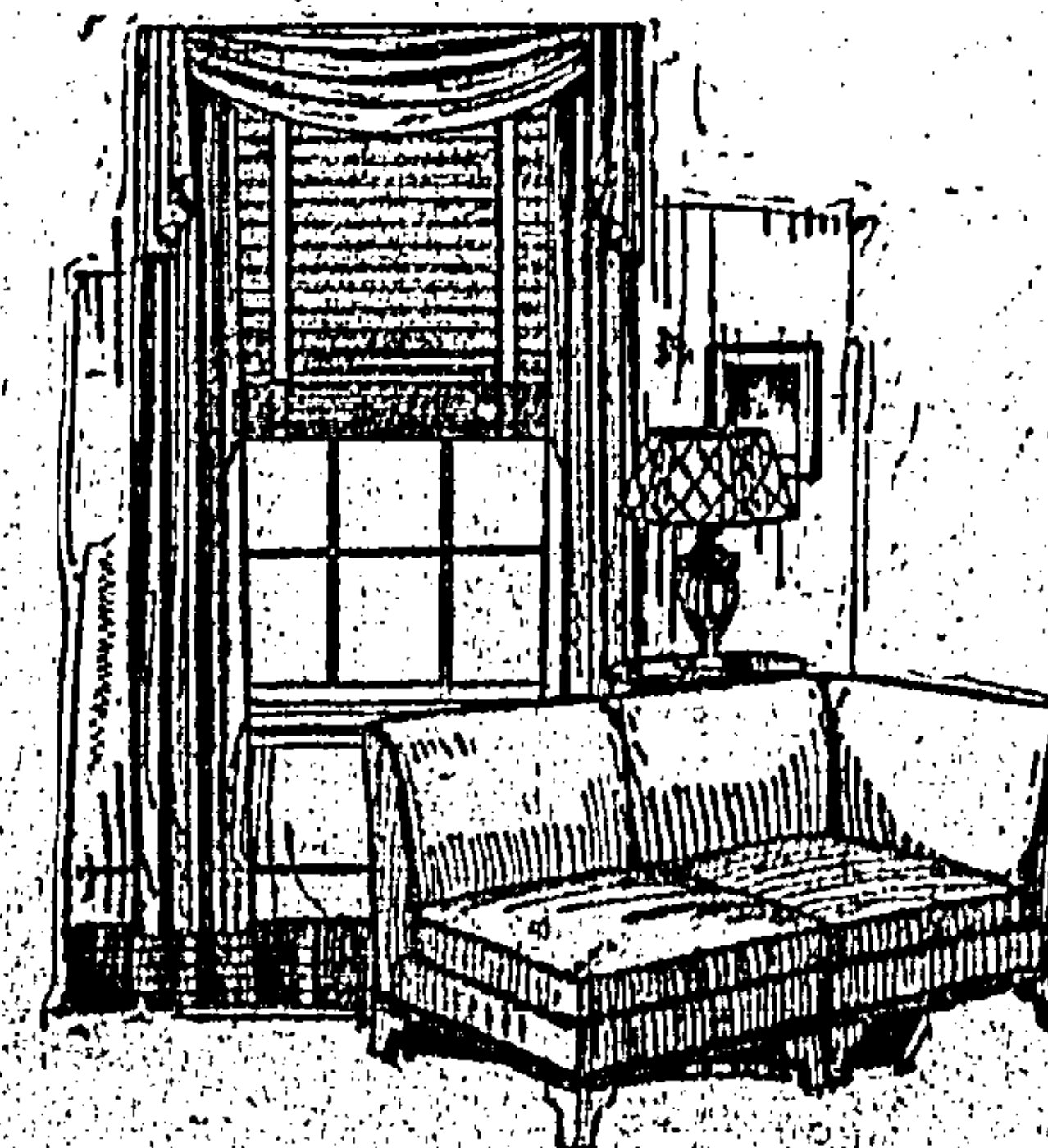
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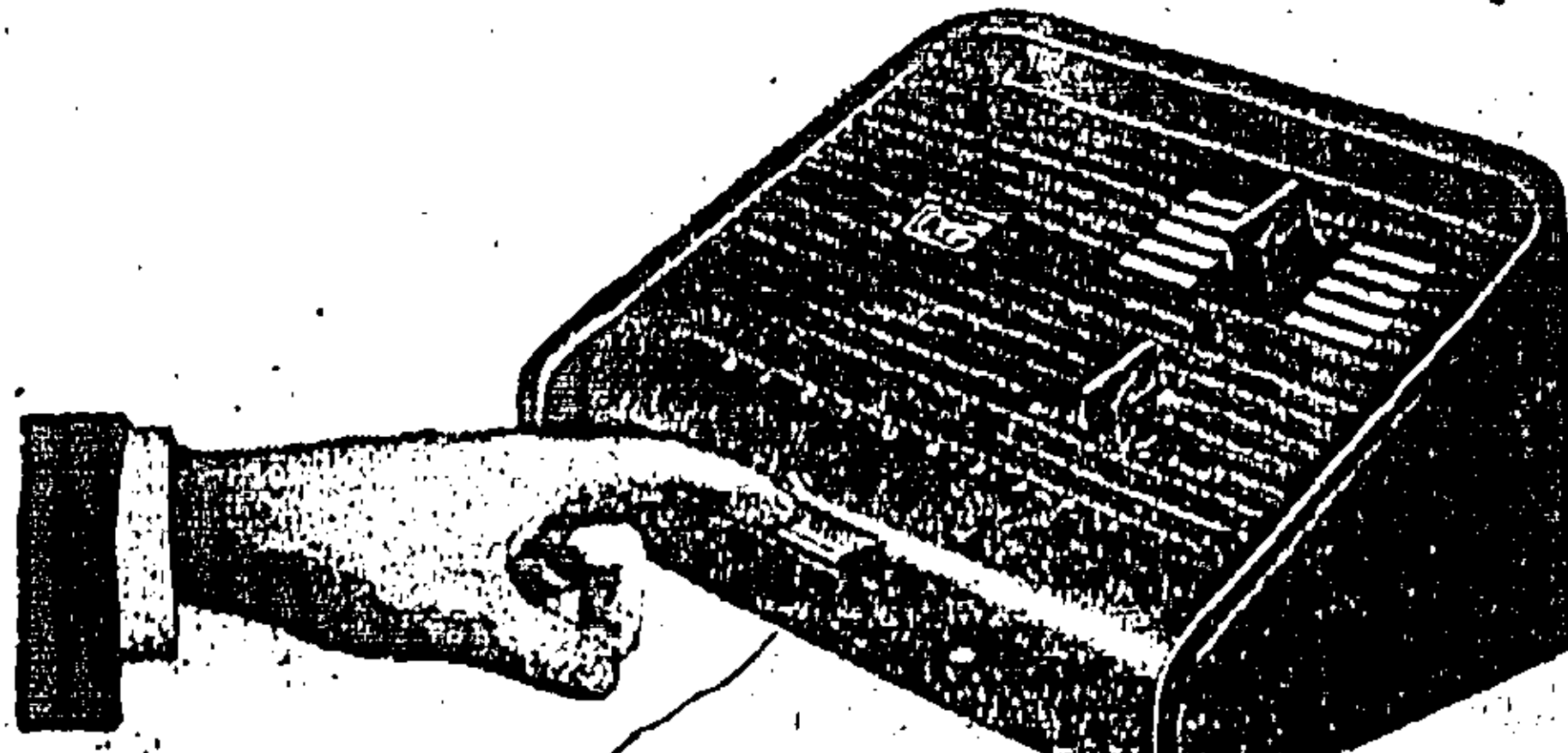
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If The Arabs Follow Through Their Threat
To Fight For Palestine, What Will Be The Result?
An Analysis Of The Present Set-Up Is To Be Found In This Article On

A VENTURE THAT IS INEVITABLY A GAMBLE

Jerusalem, Saturday.
Haganah—"Self Defence"—is in the news again. Its members are now making their first "public appearance" in the streets of Jerusalem, armed and organised as the defence force of Palestine Jewry.

Some of its squads were led by British and Jewish police officers. They escorted threatened Jewish families to safety. They formed cordons to restrain angry Jewish shopkeepers and workmen from launching counter-attacks against the Arab mob which had burned and sacked their shops. They diverted traffic from danger areas and marshalled and manned relief convoys for isolated settlements in danger of being besieged.

On the other hand, Haganah men have been arrested by British security forces. They were seen carrying arms, pistols and grenades in their pockets, and Sten guns tucked under old British Army battledress blouses.

Hitler was dealt with, the Terrorist Stern Gang was murdering British policemen and blowing up buildings. Rightly or wrongly, the British authorities decided that they could not take the risk of allowing a resistance movement to develop in their rear.

The authorities also claim that Haganah has contacts with terrorists, and that at one time or another a joint staff co-ordinated terrorist activities. But every British officer, in the police or

tioning, and Haganah has the resources of technical manpower essential to a modern army.

When, during the war, Britain eventually agreed to form a Jewish Brigade, thousands of Haganah men volunteered. Many more served in dock and supply companies in the Western Desert and Italy. Ask any ex-Eighth Army man who came across them, and he will tell you they fought bravely and expertly. Others were picked for dangerous "behind the lines" parachute missions in Arab countries and the Balkans. Some of them, including women, did not return.

village and tribal associations, with all the weapons they need, except field artillery and armour, and with ample requisitioned transport and some radio.

Stiffened by ex-officers—many British and French trained—from the armies of Egypt, Iraq, the Lebanon and Syria this force would probably be led by one or other of the "old-timer" guerrilla generals the Arab League have up their sleeves.

Any all-out thrust to drive the Jews into the sea by sheer weight of numbers, or any attempt to force the issue in a single pitched battle would court disaster, because Haganah and the Jewish population generally have been organised for such a battle, and their undoubted superiority in technical equipment, communications weapons and training would tell.

Hit-and-Run Attacks

But if the Arabs were to decide to bring down the new Jewish State by undermining its economy, they might well go a long way towards success.

Events in the past few days showed how easy it is for snipers and irregular groups to empty the roads, except for heavily guarded convoys, to hold up agriculture and commerce and generally cripple everyday life. If hit-and-run attacks on water pipelines, electrical installations and settlements were added and time were no object, the Jews would certainly be in for a rough time.

Any major campaign by all the Arab States is unlikely even after the British leave. There are too many feuds and rivalries between these States.

Syria, the Lebanon and Iraq, with quite impressive military strength on paper, all have internal troubles necessitating the retention of the bulk of their forces within their own frontiers. The Yemen is terribly backward and Egypt is unlikely to participate owing to its preoccupation with the Sudan problem.

The only really effective Arab force free for action is King Abdullah of Transjordan's British officered, streamlined, beautifully equipped, 24,000-strong Arab Legion, which has its own armoured brigade. And Abdullah has his own ideas about the future of the Middle East, and is most unlikely to throw away his army on a venture that is inevitably a gamble.

DELHI RIOTING

New Delhi, Dec. 20. Three were stabbed to death and four injured in an outbreak of rioting in Old Delhi tonight. An explosion in a shop injured three others. —Reuters.

By
J.L. HAYS

They Did Not Try To Defend

One fact, however, is unpleasantly clear and irrevocable. In recent months Haganah men, wearing British campaign ribbons, have watched their old comrades of the desert and Italy being struck down by terrorists and have done nothing at all to bring the murderers to justice. That fact alone makes the Haganah man with a gun a figure of doubt in the eyes of the British Security Forces.

What of the Arab strength pitted against that of armed Jewry? If the Arabs really follow through their threat to fight for every inch of Palestine, nobody—including themselves—really knows how much weight they will pack behind their punch.

The Arabs tend to use rhetoric for ammunition and patriotic signs for weapons, and persuade themselves that the massed might of the Moslem world is ready to roll along the road to Tel Aviv on the "Go" word. One thing is sure. Any formal Arab campaign while British troops are still in Palestine can be ruled out.

Palestine Arabs could immediately put into the field two semi-military secret movements, total, perhaps 50,000 youths. An Arab brigade of maybe 50,000 and groups of irregulars based on

Every Man Went Armed

Why? Why this mysterious semi-legal status? It has always been so with Haganah and the British administration in Palestine.

To explain why I should go back to the beginning, Haganah was formed about 40 years ago, when only a handful of Jewish colonies were scattered about the Holy Land, still under Turkish rule. Every man went armed and every farm was wide open to sudden swoops by Arab brigades. Jewish watchmen, with bandoliers and rifles, patrolled the fields by day and watched over barns by night.

During the savage Arab riots in 1920, 1922, and 1929, when hundreds of Jews were massacred in Jaffa, Hebron and Safad, Haganah automatically expanded to include almost every Jew able to use a rifle. It is Haganah's boast that every settlement they defended held out, however isolated and hard pressed.

Haganah's organisation developed rapidly. Machine-guns, searchlights and grenades were added to the arsenal of the settlements. A signals branch and a supply corps were trained.

Then came the Arab revolt of 1936-39. The small British forces were caught flatfooted by fast-moving, hard-hitting guerrilla bands raiding and sniping from the hills. A new partnership, "The British Army and Haganah Incorporated" began.

Beat Arabs At Own Game

Captain Orde Wingate, later to become famous as the Chindit leader, formed "Special Night Squads"—the first Commandos. His mixed Jewish-British forces beat the Arabs at their own game. Wingate became the Jews' hero, and when he died they named a forest after him.

When the Arab revolt petered out the "partnership" was dissolved by the British—without notice, the Jews complain. Well into the war years the British were still arresting Haganah men whom they caught with arms. Very often—the Jews complain again—these arms had been given to them by the British for self-defence.

This is what had happened. A Jewish "war" had broken out against the British White Paper policy restricting immigration, although Haganah had agreed to a truce with the British while

Jews Say They Can Win

Could Haganah defend Jewish lives and property without British assistance? The Jews say "Yes," and mean it.

Estimates of Haganah's strength vary, but the correct figure is probably somewhere between 50,000 and 70,000. It has ample supplies of all types of modern arms, except field artillery and armour.

Heavy mortars—good ones, too—are made in secret factories and distributed among the "arsenals" of the settlements, factories and public buildings.

A signals branch, with modern radio equipment has been developed. There is unlimited civilian transport available for requisitioning.

Here Is Another Approach To The Same
Issue. JONATHAN BLOW describes the
Bedouin From On-The-Spot Experience.

Desert Daggers Point At Zion

Two tall negro slaves, dressed in crimson, ushered us out the desert into the presence of their master, the Emir Fawaz, a tribe capable at short notice of putting 3,500 well mounted riflemen into the field.

From a pile of cushions at the end of a long black tent rose a white figure. He moved noiselessly towards us, his silk robe heavily embroidered with gold and silver threads. We sat in a circle, while slaves handed us sweet tea and fat Turkish cigarettes. Our Damascus guide had warned us that it would be the height of bad manners when seated to show the soles of our shoes—an item of clothing easier to hide beneath Arab dress than under regulation army shorts.

Eight slaves brought in a bowl filled with four sheep, roasted whole. We ate in great haste, in order of rank, plunging in our hands. The Emir seized an eye, considered a great delicacy, and with a bow, handed it to a British brigadier. After a short mental struggle, he swallowed it at a gulp.

Sinister

Nuri, the Emir's grandfather and predecessor, who led Lawrence of Arabia's advance guard into Damascus, killed the reigning Sheikh and murdered his own elder brother, Fahed, to win the throne. Fahed, son of the murdered Fahed, feasted with us. Our guide thought it a matter of time before he or the Emir met a sudden end. It was some what sinister to see how scrupulously polite they were to each other as they dined side by side.

In a corner stood a camel litter, much carved and inlaid with gold. Before 1914, when sword and lance were the weapons of the Bedouin, this litter carried the most beautiful girl in the tribe into battle with the warriors. The Emir thought "Miss Ruwailah 1910" raised their men's morale higher than would the more conventional Colours of European regiments.

Today the Ruwailah boast several light automatic weapons from Lawrence's Lewis guns to Rommel's Spandaus. The Emir owns four high-powered American cars which could be armoured against bullets. But the bulk of the Bedouin who may decide on Palestine will be rifle-men mounted on camels.

Arab kings can afford few regular soldiers. In war they depend on the tribes roaming the desert from the Red Sea to the Russian frontier. Bedouin armies travel light, unhampered by supply columns. Each man carries on his camel ammunition and food for six weeks. They can cover seventy miles a day for weeks on end. Lawrence's tribesmen easily outpaced Allenby's cavalry in the final dash to Damascus.

Pitched battles do not appeal to the Bedouin. There is too much blood and too little loot. Raiding the enemy's herds is the breath of life. It is the great national sport, providing excitement, honour and the hope of gain.

Swooping suddenly out of the desert, they plunder a village and vanish again into the wastes. Manual labour is for slaves and women. "Workman" is the most insulting name you can call a man. The Bedouin lives by breeding and stealing camels and selling them in the markets of Damascus, Cairo and Baghdad. With his profits he buys rice, flour, dates, coffee and sugar. Rich men buy tea and carpets.

The Bedouin loves to be hospitable. He will kill his last sheep to feast a guest. One sheikh, generous even by desert standards, would kill a goat if he heard the howl of a hungry wolf.

To kill a guest once he has eaten your food is a disgrace. To kill a member of your own tribe is bad form. To kill the murderer of one of your blood is a duty.

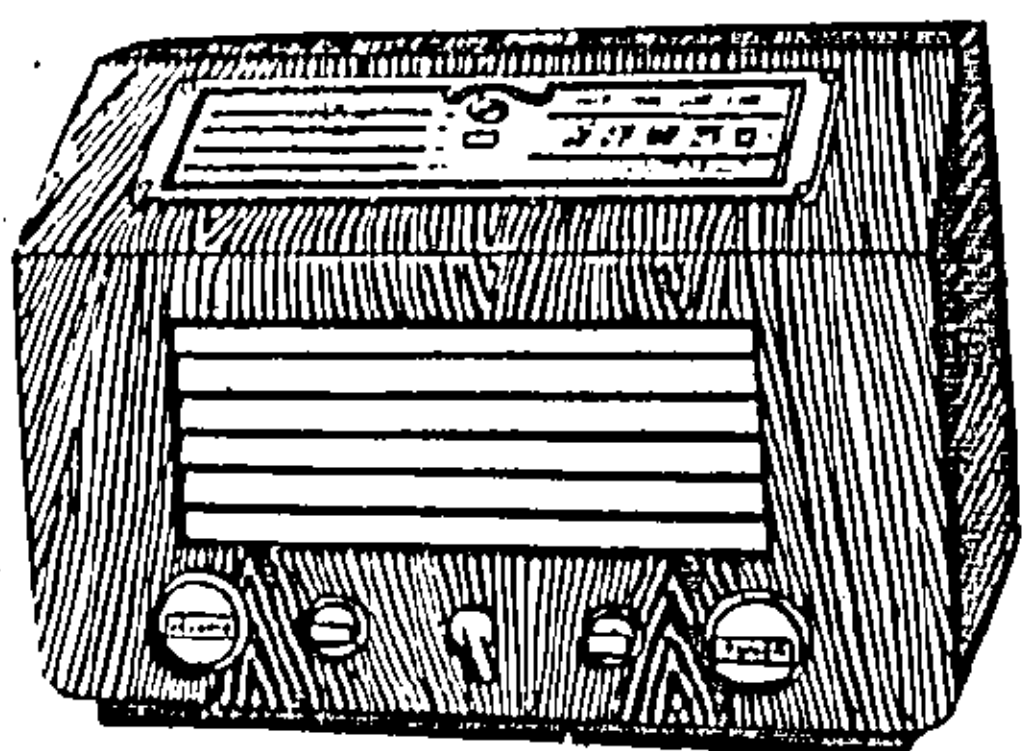
Four wives is the limit allowed by law. Few men in fact afford so many. A man may divorce his wife by saying to her three times: "I divorce you." But unlike the rest of the Moslem world, a woman may also leave her husband and return to her father's tent.

When the last slave had gorged his fill the empty bowl was taken out. A swordman, sinewy and half-naked, danced the quickening of rhythm of a drum. They sang far into the night of war and women and camels and raiders of long ago.

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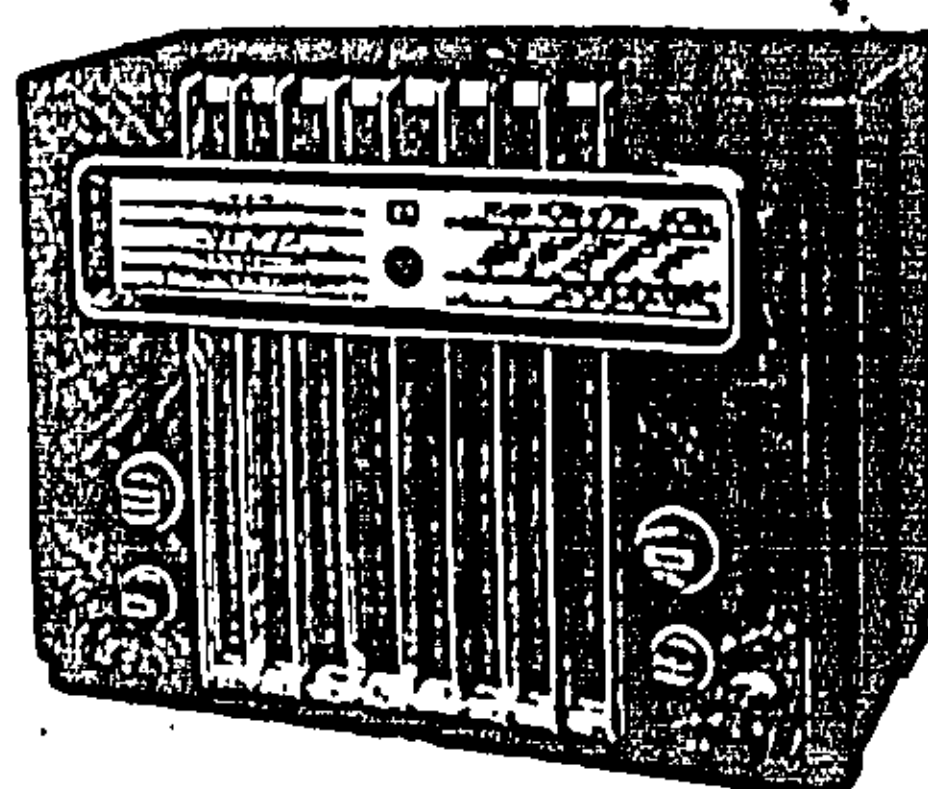
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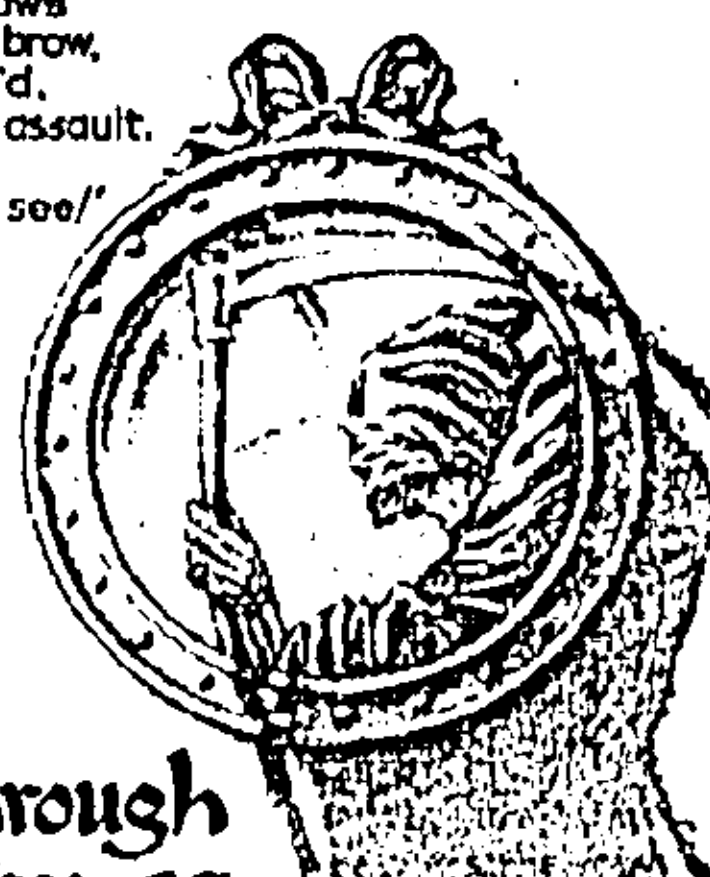
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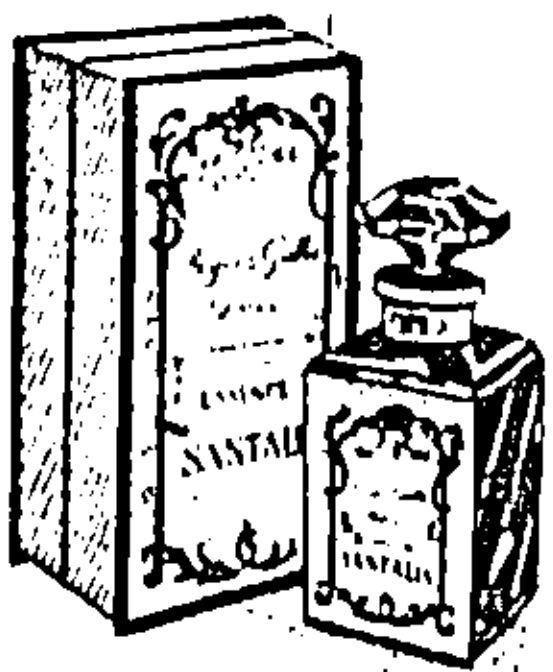
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FOR WOMEN ONLY..... UNUSUAL IDEAS FOR PARTY ACCESSORIES

By JANET MARTIN

At this time of the year, accessories take on a new and rather special importance. Every one is thinking about Christmas decorations and there is no doubt that this includes dresses for the party. They want to "go gay" too, in keeping with the spirit of the season.

When you look out a dress for a Christmas party, don't you often have a feeling that it needs just a little extra touch of gaiety and colour, to match your party spirit?

Something perhaps a little more frivolous than usual, which will make you stand out from the crowd.

Here is a delightfully original idea, by that master of the unique in fashion, Marcel Rochas. In apple-green spotted silk jersey, the three quarter length sleeves banded with wreaths of white flowers. What an eye-catcher for Christmas parties! You could use this idea with great success on one of your plainer dresses to give it a brand new lease of charm and colour.

Instead of a hat, I would suggest a small posy of the same flowers tucked into your hair.

Another of Marcel Rochas' inspirations is to take a length of pale blue crepe or taffeta, with black spots, and fashion a huge bow with hanging ends. This is attached to the back of a plain black dress, just below the waist, with the bow outspread, like a butterfly. (In the original model, the dress was slashed to down-ward point, just below the waist and the knot of the bow tucked underneath.)

For parties, you could make two or three tiny butterfly bows of the same material and wear them at the neckline of your frock, at the wrists or in your hair, according to taste and the style of the frock.

Flowers For Glamour

Flowers have a hundred uses and you can think of as many different ways of placing them. One attractive gown I saw in Georgeita Renal's collection had a bar of small flowers placed at the waist, across the top edge of a gathered drape.

To make this, you only need one small posy in a shade to blend with a pastel frock contrast with a dark one. Take the posy to pieces and remake, placing the flowers in a straight row and twisting the stems together to keep them firmly in place. You will not need the whole posy to make this, so from the remainder you can make another, exactly the same and pin it into your hair at an attractive slant.

Yet another way with flowers, if you are wearing a posy on your dress, is to take a few of the flowers and make a small separate bunch. This you sew onto a narrow black ribbon and the around your wrist, or an original and dainty bracelet. If the flowers are of a rose or red colour, they

are all the more effective if you wear an exactly matching nail polish.

When you buy a posy of small flowers to brighten a dress, don't be content always to wear them as they are. Take the spray to pieces and try twisting them together into more unusual shapes. You can form them into a horseshoe, a ring, or into your initials and they will look just as lovely and far more attractive.

Ideas And Notions

Then there are new tricks with costume jewellery. If you have a long necklace, make it into a three row choker, fitting closely round the throat; chokers are 'in' again, but the new version is of two or three rows. These chokers are equally effective on a high, round neck, or one of the new low cut necklines.

An original idea with a necklace (not graduated) of average length is to wear it, for a change, not around the neck, but up and across the front of your dress, in a double row fastened at each end with a matching pair of brooches or clips.

In your treasure box, you may have an old piece of beaded embroidery which could be used as a most charming decoration. At a party the other day, I saw a simple black crepe gown with two slanting inset pockets, and the tops of the pockets were decorated with exquisite strips of beaded embroidery, giving the dress a touch of real distinction.

May you all enjoy the best of Gay and Merry Christmas!

SPOTLIGHT ON FASHION GAY WOOL FOR ALL SEASONS



Pictured above is a "sloppy Joe" shirt in blue and white check worn American fashion over white flannel slacks.

WOOL, wool, glorious wool, not just for winter woollies, but for all weathers, all occasions, from travelling to Hong-Kong to lounging on the beach at Bournemouth.

Once wool was recommended for warmth. Today, however, wool makes delightful, cool summer clothes, and makes wool an all-the-year-round choice.

Summer or winter, luxury hotel or country inn, crease-wool will reduce packing problems to a minimum and ensure an ever-ready-to-wear wardrobe.

Bright as a peacock's plumage are some of the play ensembles. One particularly attractive model was in black and natural jersey, embroidered with gay flowers, full skirt and black top were designed to slip over it should a cloud appear on the horizon.

They were to be seen at the show "Holiday Clothes in Wool" organized by the International Wool Secretariat.

Other items in the collection, which illustrated the new versatility of wool, were roomy travelling coats with full hoods and big sleeves, neatly tailored wool dresses, cocktail dresses and beautifully draped evening gowns for formal holiday occasions.

Edna McKenna

HOW TO CHOOSE PERFUME FOR A GIFT

By CLAUDIA

A luxury, but every woman, once she has discovered the one which blends with her personality, finds pleasure in its use.

The choice of perfume is a most important factor, for perfume must suit the wearer just as a dress or a colour must suit her, if she is to appear at her loveliest and best. Clothes are the expression of the outer woman, perfume the expression of her inner personality and spirit.

It is impossible to choose a perfume just by the name on the package... as it would be impossible to choose a becoming and fitting gown if it were already packed up in a box, without an opportunity to see it and try it on.

Use Sample Tester

So, when buying perfume, always ask the salesgirl to bring out the sample tester, if possible, and try a tiny spot on the back of the wrist. Hold the wrist a few inches away from the nose or the perfume will be too strong. And if the perfume is a gift for someone else, remember that it must blend with the personality of the recipient, not the giver.

Certain perfumes have a wide appeal because they are pleasing to almost everyone, so if there is any doubt, choose one of the universal favourites, the Numero Cinqs—Number 5s, the Gardenias and Lavenders, etc.

For a young girl, choose something fresh and dainty, not a heavy or too sophisticated essence. There is a young and delicate sophistication about some of the perfumes of today which will flatter her youth without clashing with it. Lilies, Apples, L'Oranger, Jo Rovers, to name but a few.

A lady who does not use much perfume will enjoy the delicate fragrance of lavender, as a toilet or in attractive sachets, but the lingering state odour will for her handkerchiefs and lingerie be far from pleasing.

orig. And there are several exquisite toilet colognes, for use when bathing or as a body friction, which leave a lingering fragrance... such as Apple Blossom, Blue Grass, Chypre, etc.

For the "Ladies sweet and kind," whose personality expresses gentleness and charm, choose from perfumes like "N", Violette d'Alger, and Doux Jasmijn. These are sweet but not too heavy, and she will use them with discretion and restraint.

Sophisticated Perfumes

The heavy perfumes, like Chir de Russie and Tweed, were originally created as perfumes for furs, to disguise the odour of damp furs and to cover the ineradicable odour of skunk. They have a special appeal for the woman of strong and decisive personality, for one who understands and appreciates. Used sparingly, they are interesting and provocative, especially to those who have a "flair" for perfumes.

Among the more sophisticated perfumes, choice must always be closely connected with the wearer. It is an interesting fact that men are often excellent judges of perfumes. This is probably because they do think of the perfume in connection with the woman, disregarding the name and the mark, so that they can say instantly whether it appeals to them or not. Indiscreet, sharp and provocative; imprudently, with its slightly bitter tang, curiously elusive and exciting; Mitsuko, piquant and mysterious; Nalt do Noel, full of grace and gaiety, these are all the delightful and enchanting of the "right" women.

Amo Dans la Nuit, Scandal, and those perfumes with a flavour of the East, Shanghai, Crepe de Chine... their names are legion but there is one for every woman. We cannot leave even this brief survey touching but the outer fringe of the fascinating subject of perfumes, without a word to the wearer. Never put perfume on to fabrics—not only fragrance of lavender, as a toilet or in attractive sachets, but the lingering state odour will be far from pleasing.

Long Skirt Battle In Hollywood, Too

By PATRICIA CLARY

The Woman Says: The Man Says:

Hollywood (U.P.) Olivia de Havilland complains that every time she lengthens her skirt she has to learn to walk all over again.

And that, she says, is the big complaint against long skirts. "I don't think the question is so much how they look, or whether they're old-fashioned, or whether they're expensive," she said. "It's just that they're so darned inconvenient."

In "The Snake Pit" at 20th Century-Fox the actress wears her skirts 14 inches from the floor.

"You can just barely walk in that," she said. "Although I had to learn a whole new gait to do it."

But 13 inches, she said, is impossible.

Miss de Havilland said it reminded her of the days when women wore hobble skirts and fell off staircases with fatal frequency.

"They slit the skirts up the front or the side so they could get around," she said. "That's just shows how silly it is. Why don't they make them convenient in the first place?"

When the actress doesn't like long skirts for daytime, she's in favour of long skirts for the cocktail hour and later. After 8 she wears a Christian Dior creation from Paris bought for her by her husband, writer Marcus Goodrich.

"It's long and full in the skirt, with folds of material over the hips and around the shoulders that make her waist look extra tiny. And there's a petticoat of crisp fabric to make the skirt stand away from the hips."

"It cheers me up," she laughed, "when I go home from looking like this all day."

As a mental patient in "The Snake Pit," Miss de Havilland wears skirts and blouses or Hoover aprons.

Hollywood (U.P.) Barry Sullivan is the first actor in Hollywood to come out for the New Look for women.

Sullivan says he thinks long skirts are more attractive. "Let's face it, I was born with beautiful legs. He says the New Look lets her emphasize her assets while concealing her liabilities."

"The entire effect is one of streamlining which is strictly modern," he said. "It's a woman's prerogative and obligation to look as well as she can, and that means long skirts, that's her business, not ours."

"A change of scenery is good for everybody, and that certainly applies to clothes."

No More Skimping

"Woman want to avoid monotony in their clothes," he said. "For years women have worn skirts to their knees. Now they want a change. They don't want styles that remind them of the skimping during the war years."

He compared the new fashions to a man buying new neckties, when he had a rack-full of perfectly good neckties at home.

"A new tie improves his morale, gives him a psychological lift," Sullivan said. "Same thing with women and their skirts."

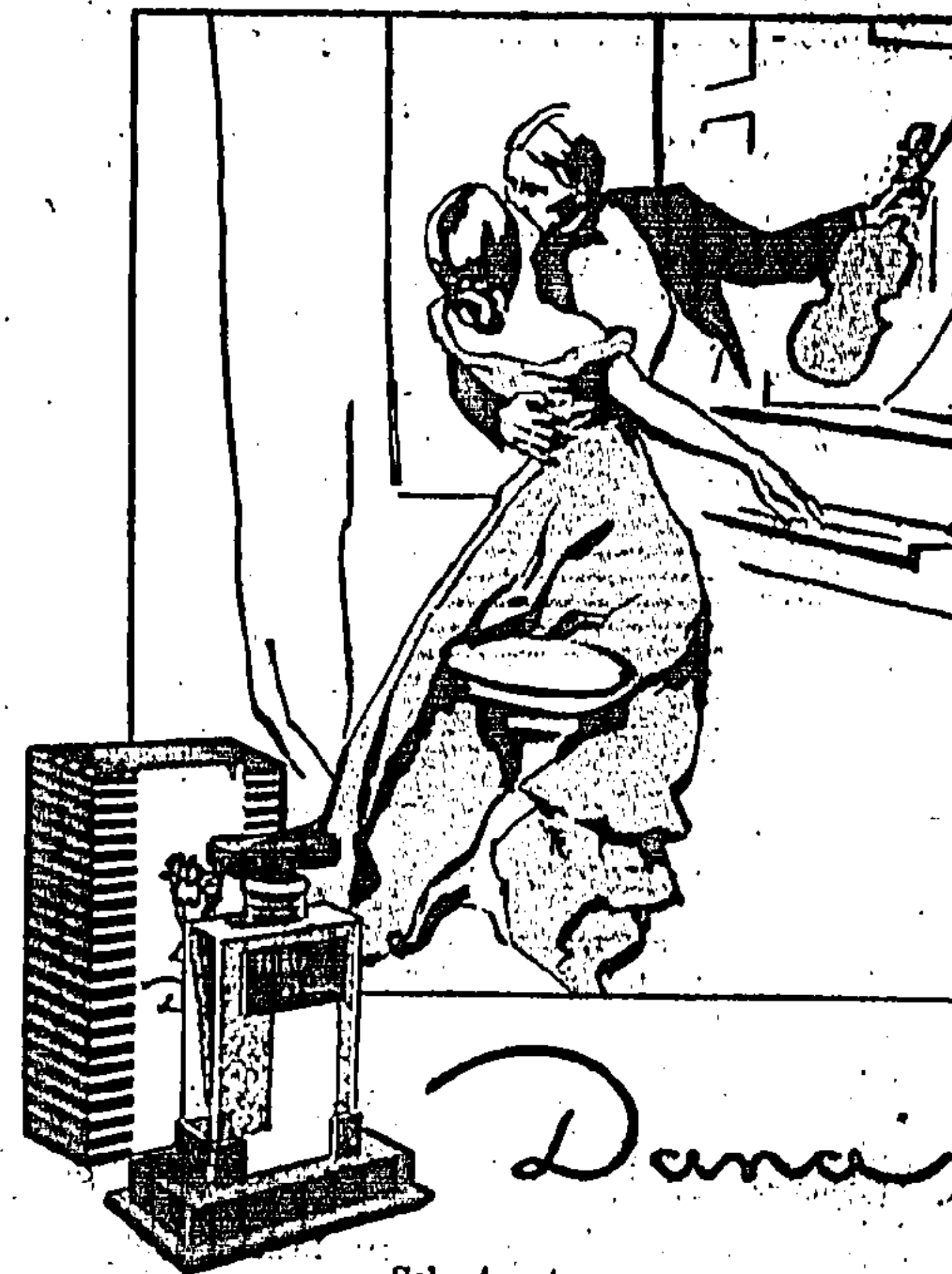
The actor said too much exposure, even of a good-looking shape, dissipated a woman's allure.

"The New Look brings back some of the mystery and intrigue which women and their skirts," he said. "By the way, I'm far in telling all. Look at bathing suits—they reveal much more than most people care to know."

The new fashions, though, dramatic and charming, which are essential to the female sex, and I'm enthusiastically in favor of such a change.

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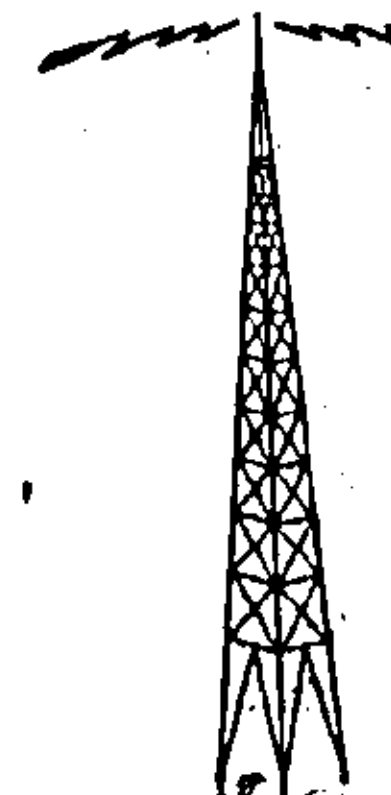


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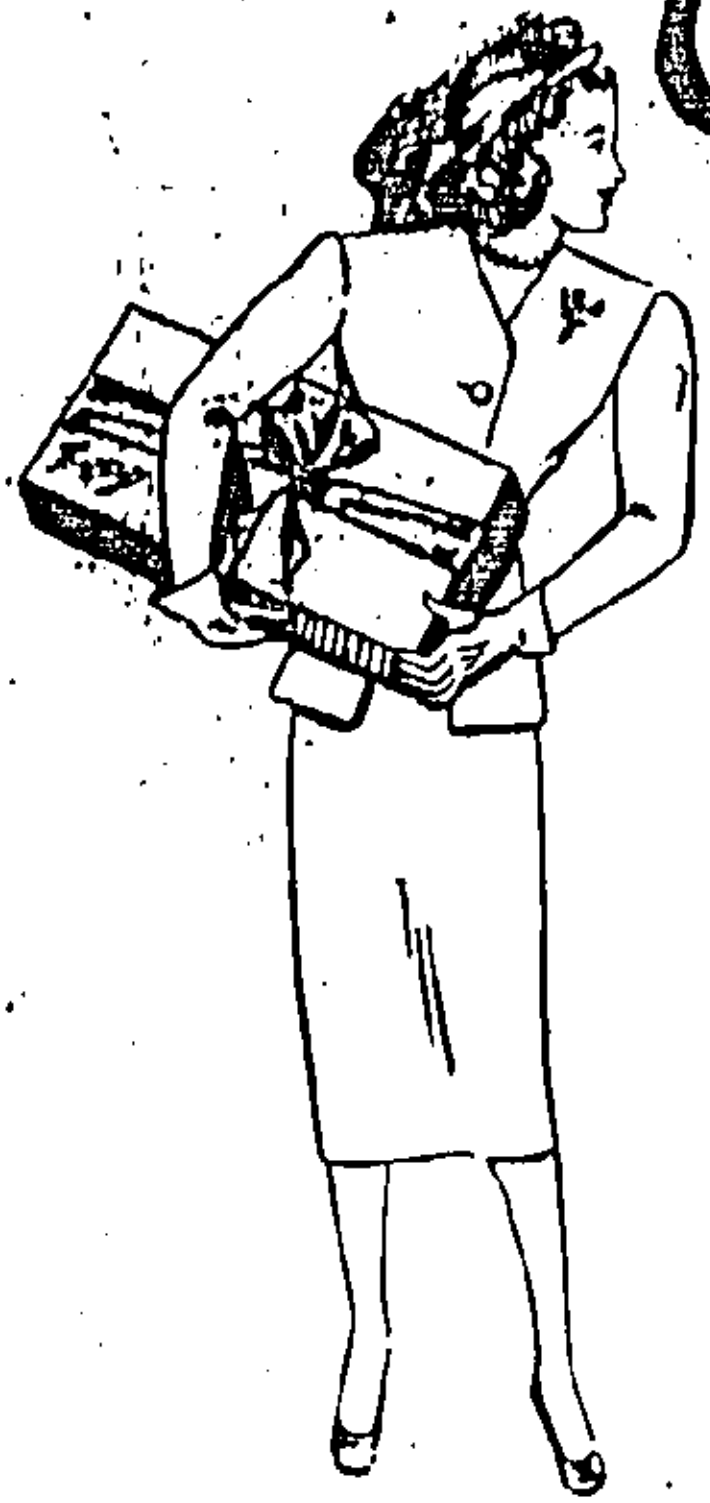
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Going to some lengths

THIS winter many coats are trimmed with fur, braid, velvet, or contrasting material of some kind so that with a little ingenuity it is possible to gain the extra length and be right in the forefront of fashion.

On the left, a plain cloth coat with a broad band of turtan forming the hem.

Next a wide band of fur starting about half-way up the front of the coat and outlining the hem is another good idea and will give a most luxurious appearance to a season's old coat. Fur is expensive,

but pieces from an old fur coat would do the trick, or bands of astrakhan cloth. Try the effect of a matching muff for smartness.

On the next, strips of braid sewn together and backed is another way to lengthen a coat and the sleeves can be trimmed with matching braid.

The coat on the right has had a broad band of velvet or astrakhan let in about six inches from the original hemline, and in her black with black, brown with brown!

EDNA McKENNA

TAKE CARE OF YOUR EYES

By VICTOR MAMAK

Countless poets and writers have coined many beautiful phrases concerning eyes. One of them has gone as far as to describe them "windows of the soul"—and quite rightly too.

Someone has perhaps seen "Heaven in your eyes," while another may have tasted the fury of hell in them. Yes! Eyes are capable of all such expressions. A lady from Belmont, in the "Merchant of Venice," is supposed to have sent "fair speech, and less manes" from her eyes to her admirer.

In fact, eyes are the most expressive features of the face. Despite all efforts they can betray your feelings of love, of hatred, of fear; or at a poker-table they may "tell" whether you are holding four aces or a couple of deuces.

However, the point is, with all their importance, are you giving your eyes the attention which they deserve? Remember, a woman's beauty is centered in her eyes, and if you want them to serve you well and beautifully you must give them the best you can in the way of care.

After all your eyes do all the looking for you—how about looking after them.

For dark circles underneath the eyes, plenty of bathing with cold water and massage is recommended. Massage, however, should be done gently, employing special manipulations. Use a hormone cream or pure olive oil for massage, but the former will be found more beneficial if you are over thirty.

Naturally you must emphasize your eyes with make-up. Discreet use of eye-shadow and mascara will help you beautify them by enhancing their brilliance, and giving them depth and lustre. Eye Shadow is beneficial because it keeps the delicate skin of the eyelids cool.

Give the lashes extra beauty by brushing them at night with oil. Train your eyebrows to follow the bony curve over your eyes. Tweeze out any hairs across the bridge of the nose, or any too low on the lid, or too high on the forehead. Other than this, keep them glossy with brushing. Pencil them, but do it over so lightly.

Remember when a man says "who is that fascinating woman," he is definitely, though perhaps unconsciously referring to her eyes.

NEW IDEAS IN DRESS SALON

This week saw the opening of a new dress salon in Hong Kong, Bond Street W.I.

This salon combines several interesting ideas, both in its interior decoration and its merchandise. Following the overall colour scheme of cream walls and ceiling, the furniture is built of blonde oak. Large show cases, lit by strip lighting, display the goods to best advantage.

Among their stock for women is a wide range of Jacquard scarves. Wetherall coats, mostly of the sports variety, and accessories are also featured.

Bond Street also caters for the male side of the picture. They are carrying large stocks of camel and mohair, and all-wool cardigans for men, mostly long-sleeved. Individual suit-lengths, for either men or women, have come from London. Harris tweeds and Saxony tartans are also "among those present."

The imminent arrival of Christmas makes the opening of this salon particularly welcome to last-minute shoppers.

They Can't Be Hidden

Sometimes you look in the mirror and say to yourself, "Heavens, I look worn out." It is not true that that is because your eyes look tired and lifeless? You can camouflage a spot, even freckles, or make your face look oval when it is round with the clever use of make-up, but if there is something wrong with your eyes you definitely can't look your best.

Every time you read in a bus, tram, taxi or a rickshaw, every time you sew on a button (or do you?), see a film or do a lot of reading at night in bed, you are asking your eyes to make a special effort. In return, give them rest and relaxation some time during the day—close them for a few minutes whenever you have the opportunity, blink them a few times whenever you think of it.

Such little tricks will relax the muscles and lubricate the eyes. These are invaluable tips for office workers (not when they are taking shorthand, of course), or those who sew a lot.

Have your eyes tested at once, if you suspect they need it.

The natural beauty of the eyes is often marred by the ravages of time and indifferent health. They become strained, puffed and dark circled.

Bathe Them Regularly

Of course you must try to get as much sleep as possible. Bathe your eyes regularly, at least once a day, with an eye lotion or a boric acid solution. Bathing keeps them clear and brilliant, and prevents the formation of ugly lines.

Icings For Your Cakes

This selection of icings to cover the most important cakes of the year comes from Australia's "Woman" magazine.

FONDANT ICING

Ingredients: 2lb. sugar, 1 cup water, 2 tablespoons glucose.

Method: Place the ingredients in an enamel-lined saucepan and bring slowly to the boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar and glucose. When the mixture comes to the boil do not stir. Put the lid on the saucepan and allow to boil quickly for three minutes. Remove the lid from the saucepan and allow to boil quickly until the mixture reaches 230 deg. F. (this is soft-ball, and may be tested by dropping a small piece into cold water and working with the fingers into a ball.) While the fondant is cooking, brush down the sides of the saucepan with a pastry brush dipped in clean, cold water. When the required temperature is reached, pour the mixture into a wet basin, allow to stand until cool, then beat until it becomes a soft, dense mixture. Pour over the cake.

NOTE: Should the mixture harden before it is white enough to use, place in the top of a double saucepan and heat slightly until the right consistency to pour over the cake. Allow the icing to set, and decorate with holly and leaves made from scraps of almond paste, coloured with vegetable colouring and sprinkled with sugar.

ROYAL ICING

Ingredients: 1lb. icing-sugar, whites of 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon lemon-juice, 1 teaspoon glucose.

Method: Crush the icing-sugar and sift it. Place the whites of eggs in a basin with the lemon-juice. Melt the glucose by standing it in a small basin in boiling water. Work the icing-sugar gradually into the unbeaten egg whites. Stir

A good use for leftover bread: Cut slices in circles with a biscuit cutter, dip in melted butter and place on enameled mixture. Bake as usual.

A dash of cinnamon, cloves or mace in whipped cream to serve on shortcake, and steamed or baked puddings, gives a grand new flavour.

In the glucose and beat until very smooth and the correct consistency to pour over the cake. Flavourings and colourings may be added as desired.

SEVEN-MINUTE FROSTING

Ingredients: 1 small cup sugar, 1 egg white, 1/2 teaspoon cream-of-tartar, 3 tablespoons water, essence.

Method: Place the unbeaten egg white, sugar and water in the top part of a double saucepan. Beat over boiling water until the mixture "crusts" around the sides of the saucepan—about seven minutes. Fold in the essence and cream-of-tartar and pour over the cake. Roughen with a knife.

BOILING ICING

Ingredients: 2 cups sugar, 2 whites of eggs, 4 tablespoons water, essence, colouring.

Method: Place the water and the sugar in a saucepan, and boil gently for five minutes without stirring. Place the egg whites in a basin and beat until stiff and frothy. Pour on the boiling syrup gradually and beat until thick. Add essence and colouring, if you wish, and pour over the cake.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

As a handy little portable sewing kit, use a discarded spectacle case. Needles and pins can be stuck into the velvet lining, while thread and darning cotton wound on cardboard, small scissors and a thimble will fit into the case part.

Enamelware containers in which food has been burned can be cleaned by filling with cold water, adding one tablespoonful of washing soda for every quart of water, heating slowly, and then letting it boil for about 10 minutes. The burned food can then be removed without difficulty.

A hint for home dressmakers: If you're cutting chiffon or voile on a smooth surface, the material is apt to slip. If an Army blanket is put smoothly on the table, the material will cling and can be easily cut.

To prevent apples from wrinkling while baking in the oven, slit the skin in three or four places with a knife before baking.

Carvings and mouldings on furniture may be easily and effectively cleaned by using a good-sized round bristle brush which has been dipped in kerosene and hung in the open air until dry. After each using of the brush, clean it by wiping it on a handful of rags.

To make pickle fans, cut small sweet shrimps into thin lengthwise strips to within 1 inch of the end. Spread the strips apart into a fan.

Here is a cookery idea for winter days: Striping escalloped corn with bacon slices and baking 20 minutes in a moderate oven gives a nutritious main dish.

Press nylon articles with a warm-never hot-iron.

Rub the leather of your shoes with the inside of a freshly cut orange peel. Then polish with a soft cloth and see how it improves the appearance.

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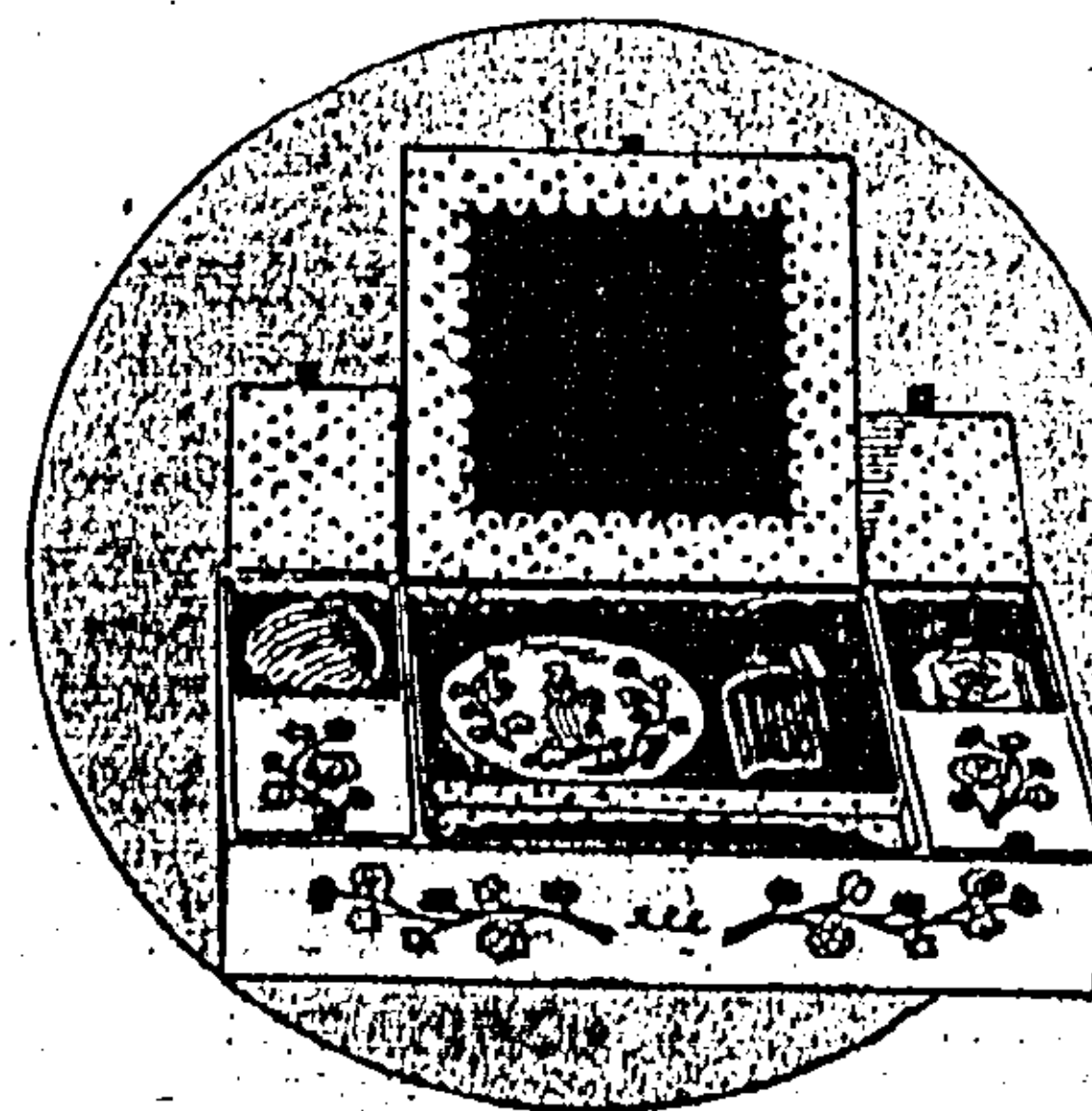
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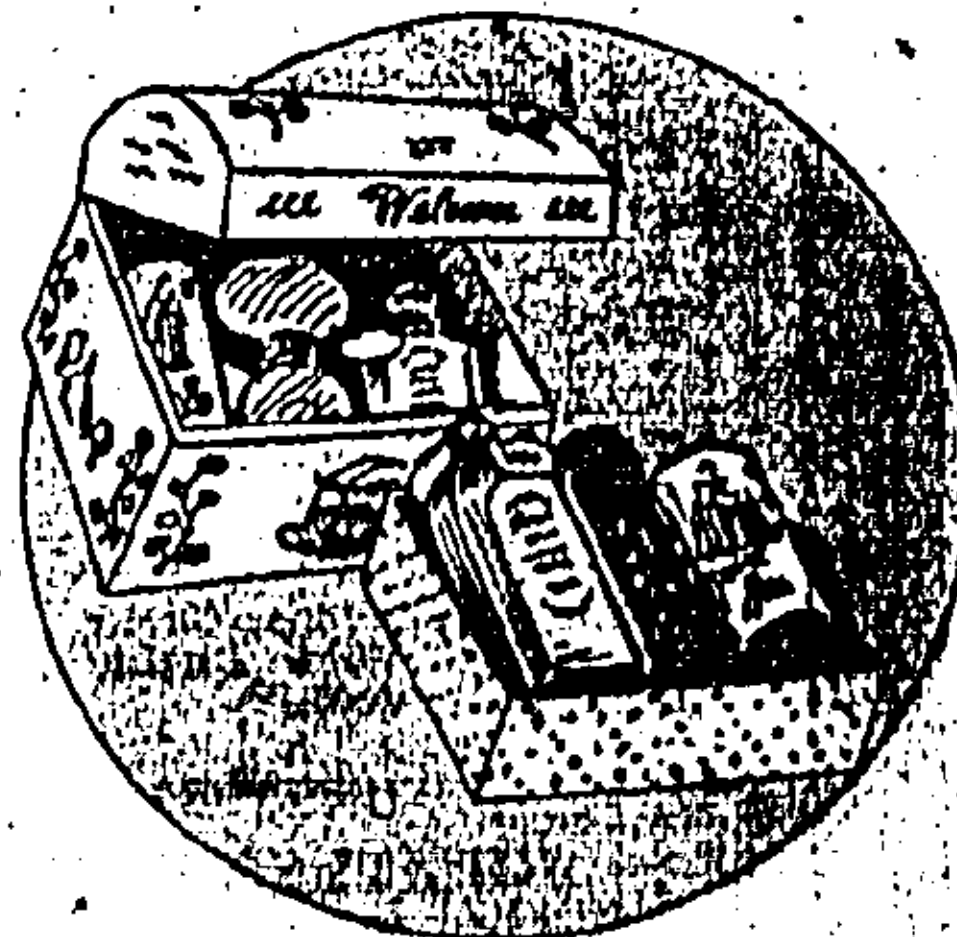
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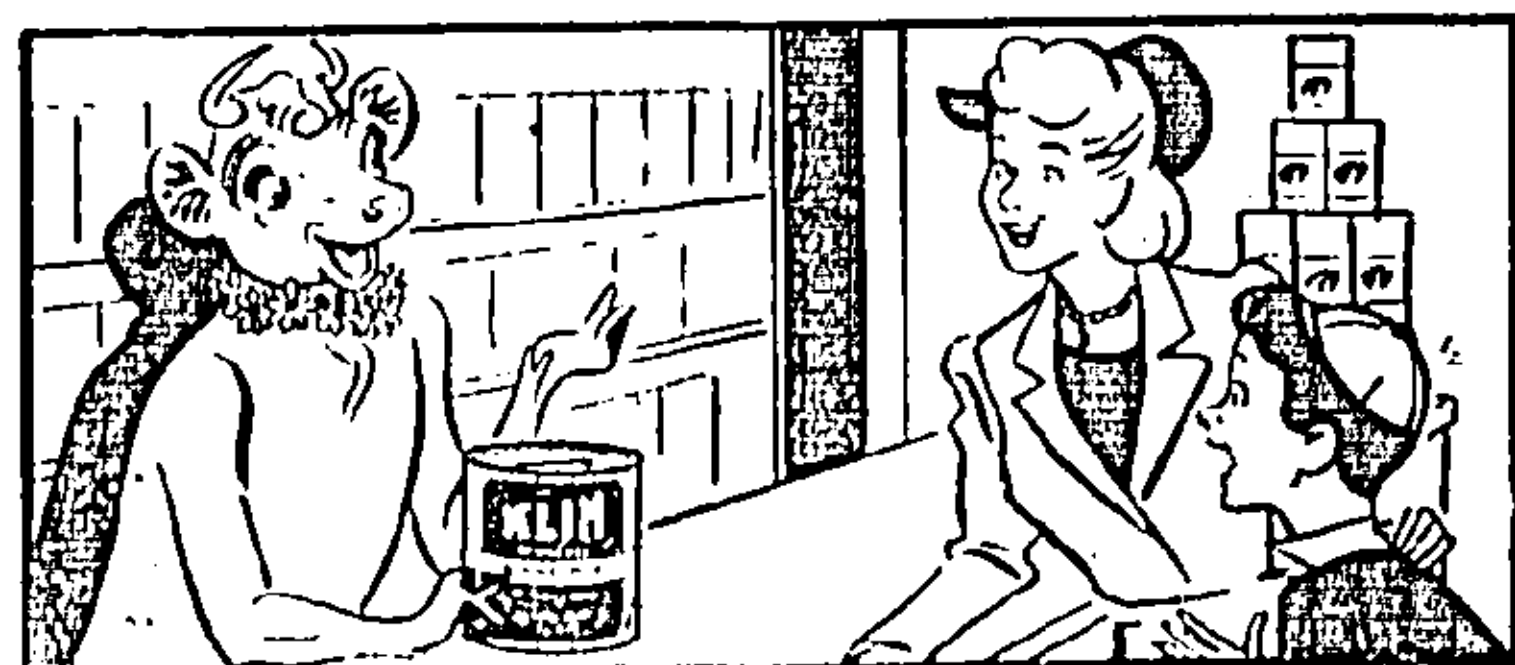
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MODERN-DAY MIRACLE

Without publicity, without more than passing references in scientific journals, medical men have been making sensational advances in brain surgery. Patients who would have been doomed a few years ago have been operated upon, large parts of their brain removed, channels conveying sensations to the nerve centres severed, whole sections of nature's mechanism short-circuited. They have recovered to live a normal life.

The mentally afflicted have been made sane while the death rate through the operations has dropped almost to zero.

I WATCH A BRAIN SURGEON AT WORK

By Victor Hudson

I have watched a brain specialist performing an operation aimed at turning a lunatic into a normal individual.

A few years ago, the operation would have been regarded as impossible.

The skill and knowledge of the surgeon, and that of other men who have been exploring the mysteries of the human brain, has advanced to such a degree during recent years that new hope is given to the afflicted.

The operation which I have seen is called leucotomy, and deals with the forward part of the brain which controls the intellect and which in the case of the mental patient may only require a slight adjustment to make it perform normally.

Let me make it clear, before I go further, that what I have seen is only a minute part of the brilliant technique which is being developed. Moreover, it would be misleading even to suggest that any but a few cases would benefit from the operation I saw performed last week.

The patient was a middle-aged man who has spent twelve years in mental hospitals. He was wheeled in unmoving, looking dead and pale, and strangely inhuman, with the front of his head cleanshaven. He was a schizophrenic.

The psychiatrist read the material facts from the great folder containing the case history. He mentioned among other things that the man had torn up the floor of a padded cell.

The patient had been selected as a chronic case. If he survived the small risks of the operation, he had a good chance of taking his place in normal society in spite of his long history of mental disorder.

If the operation failed he would at least tear up no more padded cells; his emotional tensions would be eased, and he would live a tranquil, happier life.

The surgeon nodded confidently as he saw the patient. He slipped his mask over his face, and drew on his rubber gloves. He is going to take less time than other surgeons require for removing an appendix.

Here is the sequence of work: Pre-operative preparations are made.

General anaesthetic administered.

Incisions made on either side of the skull.

Boring begun on each side—each hole.

The surgeon cuts the membranes covering the brain—15 seconds each side.

He severs the pre-frontal fibres, calculating with minute exactness the angle and sweep of the knife. This is the only "work" to be done. Its marvel lies in its exactitude. The slightest inaccuracy is fatal.

The incisions are stitched up and the patient returned on a trolley to the ward.

It may be months before the results are known. The cure will be assessed by this man's ability to earn his own living and make his way in the normal workaday world.

In a statistical survey made by the Board of Control, in 1,000 leucotomy cases, here are the results:

Patients Discharged from Hospital
24.8 per cent. recovered.
10.5 per cent. were improved.
0.6 per cent. showed no change.

Patients Still in Hospital
32.3 per cent. improved.
24.8 per cent. no change.
1.0 per cent. worse.

Deaths due to treatment were three per cent., and deaths not due to treatment three per cent. Now for the story behind it all.

In America sensational stories are told of this technique which they term "pre-frontal lobotomy" but which over here is known as "pre-frontal leucotomy." Our own brain surgeons are retiring people, yet other countries can teach them little.

New knowledge is enabling the surgeons to remove parts of the human brain which are diseased, generally with effect upon the future intelligence of the patient. This has been an aspect which has astonished the surgeons and has shown how much more there is yet to be learned about the mysteries of the "ego," and the wonderful machine that control it.

In the following article Victor Hudson describes how one of these amazing operations is performed. His article will give hope to those who have friends and relatives who are afflicted.

"Leucotomy" means a cutting of the white fibres conducting certain associations from the forward part of the frontal lobe to the rest of the brain. Nobody can yet tell what the function of the forward part of the frontal lobe really is. An official publication says that it is "concerned with thought but its precise functions are obscure"; some psychologists think it is concerned with abstract thought; and some surgeons think that none of this is true.

Whatever this function is, it is something subtle, since there have been cases where because of the patient's injuries, surgeons have found it necessary to remove the forward portions of the lobe altogether. The result has been, in the words of one surgeon, that the patient's behaviour becomes facile, rather uninhibited, tending to be the "life and soul of the party."

What he does not become is an idiot, or a man incapable of rational thought.

What is the purpose of leucotomy? It is to bring about a relief of emotional tension or excitement.

It is at present performed on selected patients where other forms of treatment have failed.

Why does the cutting of these fibres bring about a lessening of tension? Once again, nobody can prove the theories lying behind it. What is certain is that in a great many cases it works. It is probable that if other fibres in the brain were severed a similar relief might be experienced.

One of the handicaps from which neurologists suffer in studying the effects of the operation is that it has never been performed on a normal, mentally healthy person. Consequently there is no way of measuring possible changes of personality.

The fact that a man becomes dull and unenterprising when he is freed from a mental home by leucotomy, does not necessarily mean that it is a consequence of the operation. It is quite likely to be the result of years of useless life in a mental hospital.

I talked to the psychiatrists who were enthusiastic about the results which had been obtained—the men and women who had lived in mental homes for ten or twelve years, their emotions dominated by hallucinations and phantasies, but who are now out in the world earning their own living.

Chronic melancholics, people who are so unnaturally preoccupied

with their own sense of ill-health or failure that they can talk of nothing else; the lamproost touchers, the gluttons, the perpetual self-washers, even homicidal maniacs have been cured by the operation.

A person is spoken of as cured if he can hold a place in ordinary society, but even if the effect of the operation is merely to calm the emotions so that he is easy to handle, and lives a happier life, it can be reckoned a great human advance.

The effect of the operation can be immediate and dramatic, but in most cases it takes three months or longer for a full recovery to be made.

Leucotomy is also used in lessening the effects of intractable physical pain (pain that is felt, but which is not traceable to any bodily source). The strange thing about it is that following the operation the pain is still felt, but the patient is no longer worried by it. If, for instance, a patient has been treated for continual headaches and you ask him after the operation how he feels he is likely to answer with a broad smile that he has a terrible headache, and it will not worry him in the least.

There are not many neurosurgeons. Their training is long and arduous. The problems I have outlined are only an indication of the immensity of the great work before them.

PAYING FOR BAD AIM

Washington, Dec. 20.
The payment of \$19,000,000 to Switzerland for war damage done by United States bombers that went astray was authorized today by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Committee also authorized the payment of \$2,000,000 to other neutral countries which suffered war damage at the hands of United States forces.—Reuter.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Vatican City Dec. 20.
A letter from the Pope to the Catholic world, calling for special prayers for peace this Christmas, will be published on Saturday.—Reuter.

What The Chinese Press Is Saying

Sing Tao Wan Pao: The recent piracy of the "Yan Heuts" is indicative of the lawlessness that is threatening South China's coastal and inland shipping with extinction. It is a grave matter and demands a basic solution by the authorities concerned. Unless a solution is quickly found, the economy of South China will be seriously affected. This is a time of the year when overseas Chinese usually return to their village homes, bringing back their savings. They will be discouraged from returning if threats of piracy and kidnapping are not effectively dealt with by the authorities.

Kung Sheng Wan Pao: The bus strike has caused considerable inconvenience to the general public. The bus company is a utility concern; as such, Government intervention is necessary.

The Government should take immediate steps to seek a satisfactory settlement of the strike. Strikes reflect a society's weakness and insecurity. If the Government does not endeavour to remedy the weakness strikes will continue.

We realize that social order cannot be perfected in a day, but quick action should be taken to bring about a satisfactory state of affairs.

In his book, former United States Secretary of State, Mr. Byrnes, has written that if Russia does not agree on the peace question of Germany, there will be only one alternative; that is, to establish a separate peace agreement with Western Germany and then use force to evict Russia from German soil.

However, war cannot solve a problem. It can only give birth to more problems. If force is to be used to settle problems then the world will never see a day of peace.

The peoples of the world today are opposed to war including the people of America and Russia. Russia herself has suffered immensely from the last war and needs rest to recover from her wounds and to rebuild.

It is difficult to forecast when the Conference will reconvene, or whether it will ever reconvene. However, it is almost certain that America, Britain and France will amalgamate their separate administrations in Western Germany and "revive the Marshall Plan" and that Russia will consolidate herself in Eastern Germany and collaborate extensively with Eastern European nations.

However, which is greater, the force of the "Marshall Plan" for rehabilitation or Stalin's destructive power?

The inability of the Four Powers to co-operate means only one thing: suffering and distress for the peoples of Europe.

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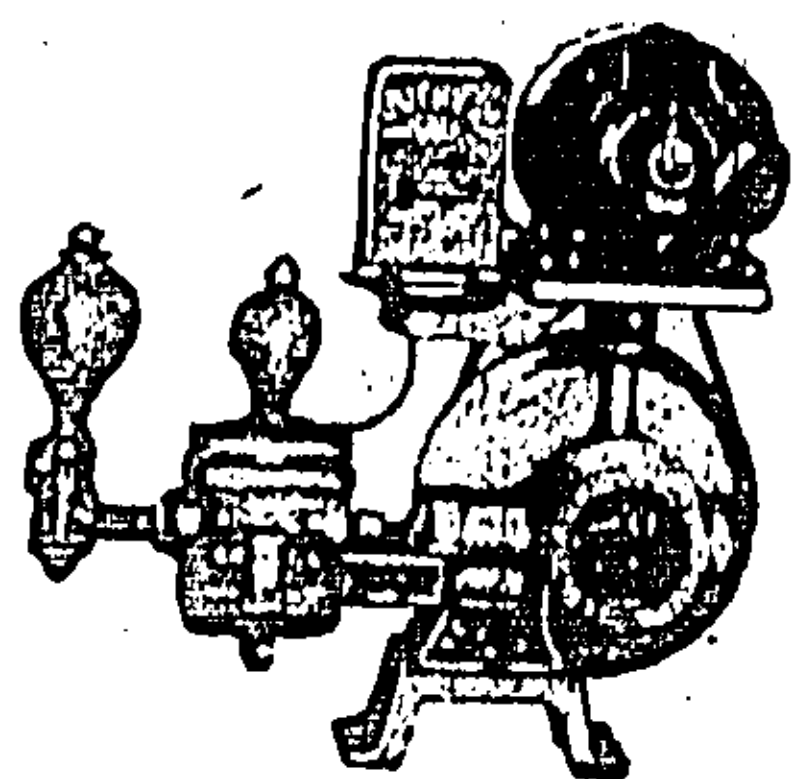
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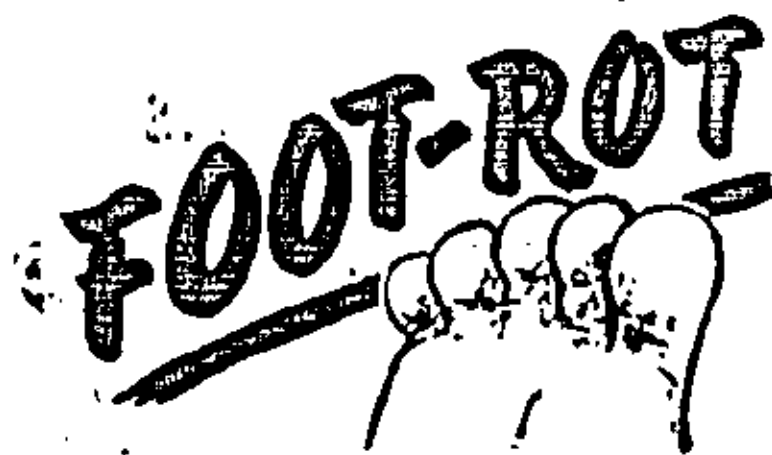
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FRIENDLY CRICKET ROUND-UP HKCC Hold RAF: Craigengower Has Recreio Beat Army Easy Victory

Hong Kong Cricket Club are in a very favourable position in their quadrangular tournament cricket match against R.A.F. — only 31 runs behind with six wickets in hand! Play will continue this morning at 11.00 a.m. In yesterday's friendly games Recreio easily beat Army by eight wickets. At the Valley Craigengower had an easy win over the University by 95 runs. H.M.S. Tamar drew with the Indians at Sookunpoo.

R.A.F. — H.K.C.C.

At the end of the first day's play in the Quadrangular Cricket Tournament, R.A.F. led Hong Kong Cricket Club by 21 runs. The latter still have six wickets intact.

R.A.F.			
F/O Marshall, b. Howarth	2		
F/O Steele, c. Kirby, b. Owen	1		
Hughes	1		
Sgt. Baxter, b. Howarth	1		
Cpl. Cooper, b. Howarth	1		
Cpl. Skinner, b. Owen Hughes	1		
S/Ldr. Gall, b. Howarth	1		
A.C. Radcliffe, c. Howarth, b. Pearce	23		
A.C. Owen, b. Howarth	1		
A.C. Whitelide, run out	1		
F/O Gambrell, b. Howarth	2		
C/L Hodgson, not out	11		
Extras	10		

Total (for 4 wickets) 97

BOWLING			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Howarth	17	5	34
Owen Hughes	12	2	35
Pearce	5	0	17
Graham	1	0	1

H.K.C.C.			
L.F. Stoker, b. Hodgson	31		
J.F. Richardson, b. Radcliffe	24		
L.D. Kirby, b. Radcliffe	0		
F. Howarth, c. Baxter, b. Gambrell	5		
Extras	4		

Total (for 4 wickets) 66

I.R.C. — TAMAR

At Sookunpoo I.R.C. drew with H.M.S. Tamar in a friendly Cricket match.

I.R.C.			
A. El Arculli, b. Chappel	36		
A.R. Suffad, b. Chappel	5		
F.A. Curreen, b. Chappel	0		
K. Lalchand, b. Chappel	0		
D.H. Khan, b. Silvester	15		
A.K. Ismail, b. Chappel	28		
M.I. Razack, b. Chappel	1		
A.R. Kitchell, not out	16		
Extras	12		

Total (for 7 wickets) 111

BOWLING			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Chappel	13	3	50
Silvester	9	0	31
Grantham	3	0	18

H.M.S. TAMAR			
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RECREIO — ARMY

At Sookunpoo Club de Recreio beat Army by 8 wickets. Both sides did not have a full team.

RECREIO			
Brookley, b. L.G. Gosano	1		
Slane, b. L.G. Gosano	13		
Harlow, b. L.G. Gosano	21		
Cockrell, b. G.N. Fosano	2		
Dean, b. G.N. Gosano	1		
Turner, c. Prata, b. G.N. Gosano	2		
Payne, c. and b. L.G. Gosano	2		
Ingram, not out	7		
Banks, c. Prata, b. L.G. Gosano	10		
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T.C. Lean, c. Billimoria, b. Billimoria	14		
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London, Dec. 20.

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, Dec. 20.

Stock market leaders generally climbed back on the recovery slide on Friday, although many pitfalls failed to shake off minus signs.

Transfers totalled 1,240,000 shares. Closing gains of a fraction to three points or more were in the majority.

Among leaders were Firestone Tire, Westinghouse, United Air Lines, Consolidated Edison.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 64.18, 20 Industrials 180.09, 16 Rails 50.58, 20 Utilities 82.08.

Closing quotations—Adams Express 17 1/2, Alaska Juneau 3 1/2, American Can 70, American Smelting 67, American Telephone 150 1/2, American Tobacco 58 1/2, American Waterworks 18 1/2, Anaconda 40 1/2, Aviation Corp. 5 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 15, Barnhill 3 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 10 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 2 1/2, Borden Co. 4 1/2, Canadian Pacific 1 1/2, C. I. Case 4 1/2, Chrysler 6 1/2, Colgate 4 1/2, Commercial Solvent 2 1/2, Corn Products 6 1/2, Dupont 18 1/2, Eastman Kodak 4 1/2, Electric Light & Power 1 1/2, General Electric 24 1/2, General Motors 47 1/2, Goodrich 5 1/2, Goodyear 4 1/2, Greyhound 1 1/2, International Harvester 8 1/2, International Paper 65, International Tel. & Tel. 12 1/2, Johns-Manville 41, Kennecott Copper 4 1/2, Montgomery Ward 6 1/2, National Distillers 21, National Lead 5 1/2, New York Central 14 1/2, Packard Motor 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 8 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 1 1/2, Radio Corp. 9 1/2, Republic Steel 2 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 40, Schenley 3 1/2, Sears Roebuck 3 1/2, Shell Oil 8 1/2, Socony Vacuum 16 1/2, Southern Pacific 4 1/2, Standard Brands 28, Standard Oil of Cal. 6 1/2, Standard Oil of N. J. 7 1/2, Studebaker 20 1/2, Union Bar 12 1/2, Union Carbide 10 1/2, U.S. Rubber 4 1/2, U.S. Steel 27 1/2, U.S. Lines 2 1/2, Westinghouse 30 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 7 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12 1/2—Associated Press.

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ANGLO-SOVIET AGREEMENT

Moscow, Dec. 20.
The Anglo-Soviet trade agreement is expected to be ready for signature early next week, according to informed British sources here today.

The British Ambassador, Sir Maurice Peterson, will sign for Britain.—Reuter.

Money Market

Gold again took the downward grade yesterday and fell to \$284.75 a tael. It had opened at \$290. The market improved slightly to \$285.25 at the close.

Planters opened at \$11.77 1/2 a 100, went to \$11.87 1/2, and fell to \$11.75 at the close.

Chinese National Currency improved to 38 1/2 cts. for spot futures and 43 cts. for spot (for CN\$10,000).

Tenks dropped further to 327.20 a 100. NEI Guilders also eased off to 26.60 a 100.

U.S. Dollars were also on the decline and closed at \$4.90 1/2. Sterling was unchanged at \$13.30, as were Australian Pounds at \$12.51.

BANGKOK RATES

Bangkok, Dec. 19.
Gold Bar, per bahtweight of 15.24 grammes, 425 bahts. Exchange Rates (Selling): Bangkok on New York T. 17.00; London 53.50; Hongkong 3.25.—Reuter.

ST. THOMAS MORE ASSN. MEETING

The annual general meeting of the St. Thomas More Association was held at the Catholic Club, King's Building, on Thursday.

The Council for next year was elected as follows: (President): A. J. Collins-Taylor, H. J. Cruikshank, R. V. Redwood, Miss H. Selator, Miss R. Redwood and Miss C. Thoracen (Members).

The Association, in cooperation with the Catholic Centre and the Catholic Chaplains of the Forces, now occupies large premises on the whole of the first floor of King's Building, providing offices, lounge, reading room and library, and the Catholic Club's large and well-appointed restaurant, where meals are provided for Members and Associate Members at moderate charges.

All members of the Association are urged to let their friends who are not yet members, know of the Association's work and of the amenities available to members at its centrally situated headquarters.

The next social function for members of the Association and their friends will be held early in the New Year. Those held during 1947 were very successful, with an average attendance of about 200.

DRUNKEN DRIVER

George Chew, an Australian-Chinese, of 118 Waterloo Road, was fined \$820 by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when he pleaded guilty to the charge of driving whilst under the influence of liquor.

On Dec. 20, said Inspector J. Orem, Leung Chan-heo was driving private car 190 along Salisbury Road towards the Star Ferry, behind an Austin utility van driven by defendant.

When near the Fire Station the van suddenly stopped and Leung slowed down and swerved to right to pass. Without any signal, defendant suddenly reversed and the offside rear corner of his van struck Leung's car, causing extensive damage and breaking the glass of the door.

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Police: R.A. KMB Topple Score Wins The Saints

There were several surprises in the First Round of the Junior and Senior Shield Competitions yesterday. The biggest upset was the defeat of the Royal Air Force by Police while at Sookunpoo the Royal Artillery, the only Service team to survive, did well to eliminate Kwong Wah. The game between Kwong Wah and Royal Artillery left much to be desired. During the game Scott of Royal Artillery and Tam Yun-kwan of Kwong Wah were given marching orders.

Police — R.A.F.

Police surprised their supporters when they emerged winners over the R.A.F. 2-1-1.

The game commenced with the guardians of the law attacking the Air Force's goal. In one of these attacks, Howlett, their centre forward, backkicked the ball from a pass off Lau Pok-shing into the net.

After the interval, Sewell was fouled and a penalty was awarded. Sewell took the kick and made no doubt about it.

Against the run of the play, as the Air Force were doing most of the attacking, Howlett put the Police in the lead when he made good use of a loose ball in front of the Air Force's goal. His shot gave Knuckley no chance.

The winners were best served by Gurd in at centre half who had the dazzling Sewell well checked. Pope also played a grand game at right half.

Police: Tang Wai, Fung Kik-kun, Lai Wah, Pope, Gordon, Ng Wai, Leung Shing, Collier, Howlett, Forster and Lau Pok-shing.

R.A.F.: Knuckley, Pascoe, Souter, Board, Graham, Anderson, Daynes, Hamilton, Sewell, Davison and Gray.

Kit Chee — Innisks

Taking the field without several of their regular players, who have been returned to Sing Tai to bolster up the spirit of that decadent team, Kit Chee were decidedly lucky to beat Innisks by three clear goals.

Inniskillings were without the services of Gilmore, their pivot, who was married yesterday, but Andrews, who substituted, played a sterling game.

As a Shield match, the game was far below standard, but as an exhibition of the liberty and licence allowed certain Chinese players who specialize in unlikable trapping, eluding and other doubtful tactics, it was supreme. Kit Chee started off with a rush and almost scored in the first minute, but Tam Woon-cheung shot wide from close

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SENIOR	
Club	3 Navy
Police	2 R. A. F.
Eastern	3 Buffs
25th R. A.	2 Kwong Wah
Kit Chee	3 Innisks
JUNIOR	
Club	2 H. Q. L. F.
25th R. A.	2 Navy
South China	2 R. E. M. E.
R. K. Minor	4 St. Joseph's
C. (Club)	3 Kit Chee

(C. after extra time)

range when he only had Lodge to beat.

Kit Chee's hopes were again raised when Lee Ping-chiu eluded the opposing defence and dashed through on his own, but Lodge had positioned himself well and Lee's fast rising shot was safely cleared.

An all out attack by the Chinese on the Inniskilling goal provided an exciting interlude to an otherwise dull game.

There was no scoring in the first half.

In the second half, from a breakaway, Tam Woon-cheung opened the scoring, much against the run of the play.

Enlivened by this success, the Chinese attacked strongly and further goals were scored by Lee Ping-chiu and Tam Woon-cheung.

A penalty was awarded against Inniskillings, but Kwok Ying-kee, who took the spot kick, failed to convert, Lodge bringing off a grand save.

Full time came with the score three all in favour of Kit Chee.

Kit Chee: Chu Shu-hang, Cheng Yim-yuk, Tang Chung-wan, Lau Hing-choy, Yau Wah-shing, Tam Chun-fai, Tang Woon-cheung, Tam Woon-cheung, Lee Ping-chiu, Kwok Ying-kee and Wong Kin-chung.

Inniskillings: Lodge, Rees, Brall, McDouall, Andrews, Kitchener, McGhee, Leven, Bruce, Kieran and Hunter.

Kwong Wah — R.A.

Kwong Wah and Royal Artillery did not play in the best of spirits and a ployer from each side was ordered off the field.

Royal Artillery won by two goals to one. Kwong Wah were awarded two penalties but failed to convert on both occasions.

Royal Artillery led at the interval by two goals to one but not long after the start, tempers got frayed.

This resulted in Scott of the Royal Artillery and Tam Yun of Kwong Wah receiving marching orders.

The closing stages of the game left much to be desired and only after the referee had taken stern action did the players behave themselves better.

Kwong Wah scored first early in the game when Chiu Fao sent in a first timer which had well beaten.

This lead was short lived for a few minutes afterwards Cole broke through and equalized.

The winning goal for the Gunners came through Leung Kwok-wai who diverted the ball into his own goal.

Trainers: Artillery: Wylie, Williams and Graham; Sherrier, Scott and Marsden; Ullman, Cole, Russell, Rice and Marsden. Kwong Wah: S. Tang, Wong Shuk-choi and Leung Pak-wai; Wong Shu-wai, Leung Shu-chung and Leung Shu-shi; Chung Ching-ling, Lau Tai-fook, Chiu Fao, Tam Yung-kwan and Chan Yim-yau.

Club — Navy

Club eliminated Navy from the first round by 3 goals to one.

Almost from the start, Club raided the Navy's goal and a fine shot from Fowler at outside-right skinned the cross-bar with the goal beaten.

Navy fought back and, before long, Fowler executed a clever opening to enable Davis, inside right, to open the score.

The equalizer came when Saxby, inside left, scored from a rebound, and the score stood at one goal all at half-time.

After the interval, Club continued the attack and within five minutes Redman gave Club the lead after a breakthrough on his own.

The last and best goal came when a long shot from the Club defenders found their outside right running down the field after beating two defenders.

Almost from the corner, the ball was lobbed over the centre to enable Fowler to head out of reach of the goal-keeper.

Club: Lock, Straker, Fildes, Mullen, Forster, Bask, Fowler, Weller, Redman, Saxby, Hickford.

Navy: N. Beach, Cousins, Register, Flitney, Holloway, Kitchener, Davis, Bowler, Foster, Youke.

Eastern — Buffs

Eastern about Buffs by three goals to two.

Cunningham, after a period of even play, scored for the Buffs by five minutes after Mok Wah-lun equalized following a scramble in the goal mouth.

Just before half time, Hau Ching-to gave Eastern the lead. Mok Wah-lun increased Eastern's lead after 15 minutes play in the second period, but 10 minutes later Graverson scored for Buffs.

Buffs: Anderson, Lowe and Petersen; Lillis, Majumdar and Birch-Nelson; Janney, Byrde, Graverson, Cunningham and McKelvie.

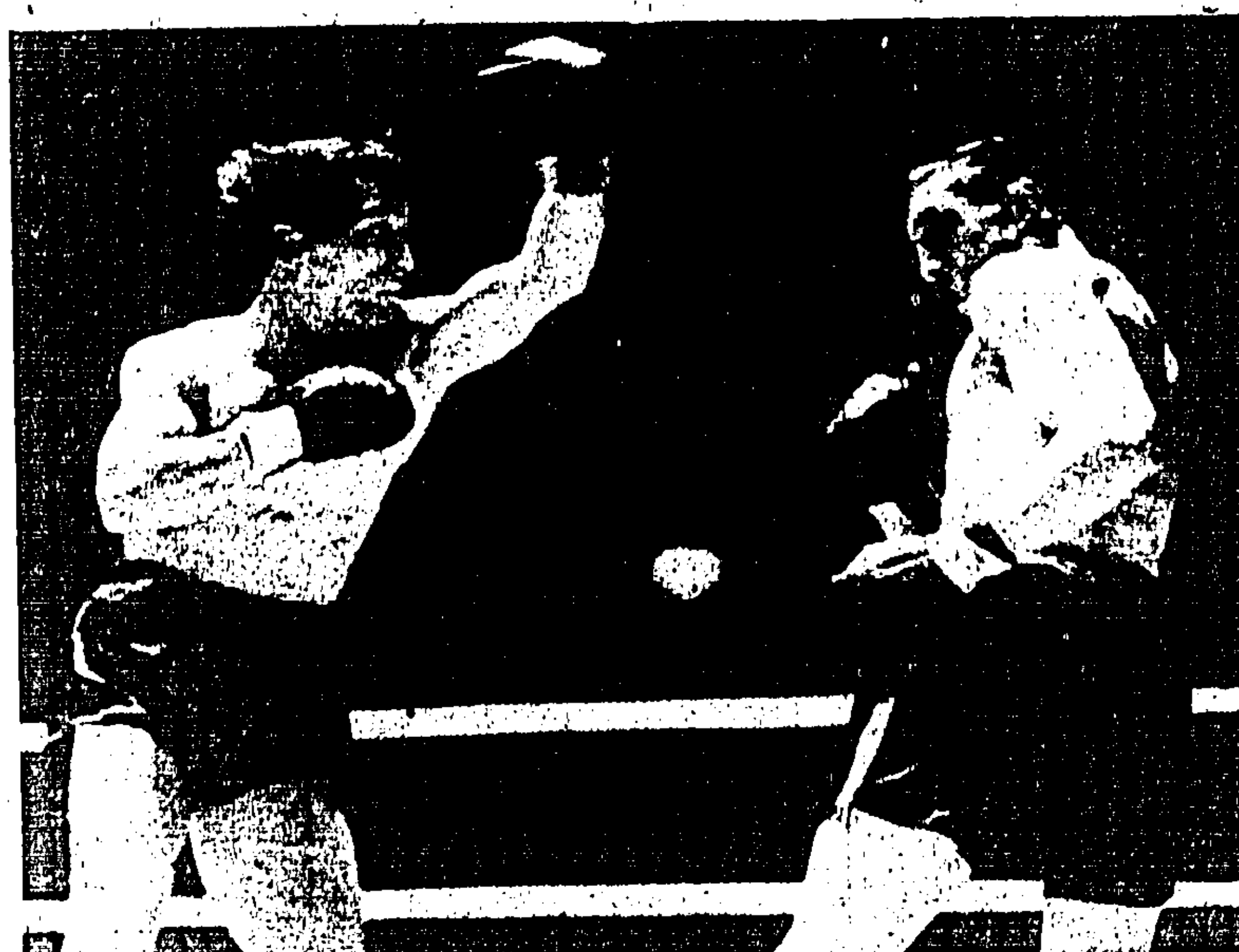
Eastern: Tam Kwan-kon; Tsai Kam-hong and Pak Yu-wah; Cheung Shuk-shing, Li Hap-sun and Lo Wai-kun; Lau Ying-shing, Chin Chai-fai, Mok Wah-lun, Lau Pak-chuen and Hau Ching-to.

Today's Games

SENIOR	
Chinese A.A. v. K.M. Bus (Police, 4 p.m.)	Ref: C. Tunstall.
Chinese B.A. v. K.M. Bus (Police, 4 p.m.)	Ref: P.M. Xavier and A. Ribeiro.
Sing Tai v. St. Joseph's (Club, 4 p.m.)	Ref: J. H. H. Harris.
Griffin v. Linmen (P. P. 4 p.m.)	Ref: A. Farmer.
JUNIOR	
Chinese A.A. v. Signals (Police, 2.15 p.m.)	Ref: J.G. Padley.
South China B. v. Eastern (C. Hill, 2.15 p.m.)	Ref: A. Leck.
Taipei v. Sing Tai (Club, 2.15 p.m.)	Ref: A. Farmer.

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INDIA v. N.S.W. WESTERN DISTRICTS: Page 4



Eric Roderick (right), who will be 35 next month, is seen easily avoiding a vicious upper cut from challenger Eric Boon during the 15 round contest for the British welterweight title at Harringay, London, Dec. 9. Roderick gained a points decision in the title bout contest which went the limit. — AP Photo.

Omars Beaten In Bowls Semi-Finals

One of the greatest sensations in local Lawn Bowls annals was caused by the defeat of the so-far invincible Omars at the hands of Alf. Hall's quartet in the Open Rinks Semi-Finals at Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday.

The Omar trio and the son of U.M. were lucky to lose by only four shots, as they were tagging behind by ten shots on the 6th head.

In the other Semi-Finals game, Jack McKelvie just managed to nose out P. W. Bradbury, after a tie of the keenest tussle seen on the local rinks.

Excitement was at its height on the 20th head when the scores were tied at 20 all.

Hall-Omar

Hall scored a three, two twos and three singles before the Omars began to get warmed up for the game.

Scoring two twos and a single on the next three heads, the C.C.C. link reduced their deficit to five by the 6th end. This was increased to eight on the seventh, ten on the 13th and 12th on the 14th head.

Setting down to some really serious bowling, the Omars held their opponents to the 18-shot score while they started to pile up their own.

Four ones and two threes found the scores 18-11 in favour of Hall on the 20th end.

A two on the final head by Hall set the issue beyond all doubt.

The rinks were: H. F. Shields, C. Dowman, S. Randie and A. J.

Hall (Skip): J. M. A. M., K. M., and U. M. Omar (Skip).

McKelvie had to fully exert himself to win by the single shot in 41 in his clash with Bradbury.

McKelvie drew first blood in a three-shot first head. Bradbury promptly replied with two ones and a two on the next three ends, to lead by a single shot.

The ultimate winners then scored a four which, however, was nullified on the following end by a four by Bradbury's men who continued to chalk up a single on each of the following two heads.

Toggling behind 7-10 on the 8th head, Jack soon even up matters by single and a two. Score on the 10th head was 10-10.

A four and a three by McKelvie put his rink four shots ahead on the 14th head. This lead was not only lost but turned into a defeat by the 10th head through a two and a three by Bradbury.

A two on the 17th again put Jack in front, only to have Bradbury even up on the following end. Another single by both rinks in the next two heads found the score 20 all on the 20th end.

Jack scored a single (the winning shot) on the last head with his second wood, to qualify for the Finals.

ORTIZ RETAINS HIS TITLE

Manila, Dec. 20. Manuel Ortiz, of El Centro, California, retained his world bantamweight championship last night with a decision over Tirsone del Rosario, Manila University student, in a 15-round fight.

Ortiz weighed 118½ and Del Rosario 117½.

Referee Willie Whittle gave Ortiz 12 rounds with three even.

The champ, who had entered the ring a little better than even money in the betting, was the shortest odds of his five-year reign as champ—led throughout.

He scored a knockdown in the fourth.

Despite a cut eye which at times blinded him, the less experienced challenger made it a fight of it all the way.—Associated Press.

Navy Beat Army In Tense Clash

(By "Crums")

The G.O.C. (Mayor-General Erskine), was among the many spectators who watched the Rugger at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon.

It is most encouraging to notice the enthusiasm with which the steadily growing number of Rugger supporters attend each week. Any who have not yet made the effort to see the Rugger now being played in the Colony are strongly urged to do so.

NAVY — ARMY

This was literally anybody's game. Navy won by the seemingly wide margin of 11-3 points, but the score had remained at 8-3 throughout the entire second half and one might have expected either side to score the snap try which gave the Navy their increased lead in the last few seconds of the game.

The Navy forwards were all good, particularly their back row, consisting of Evans, Erner, and Briles.

Their three-quarters also played a good game and it was grand to see them taking their passes when going full out, which cannot be said of much of the three-quarter play we have seen this season.

The Army were best served at half where Roberts and Darwin combined admirably.

De Rome was unlucky not to have scored for the Army. He played a most useful game on the right wing in the first half and in the centre in the second half but the Navy backs marked him very closely and successfully.

Navy got off to a cracking start, Selwyn scoring in the corner immediately after the kick-off.

Army equalized through a perfect three-quarter movement after 5 minutes.

There was a loose melle on the Navy 25 yard line in the centre of the field from which the ball came out to Roberts and passed very quickly out to Moore on the left wing to score.

Navy went ahead again through a solo effort by Evans—a fast and energetic wing forward—who followed up a Navy kick and rush movement to score another unconverted try.

There was some fine Rugger during the fiercely contested second half.

Both sides had an equal share of the ball and there were some exhilarating movements by each in turn. Both full backs had plenty to do and did it well.

In the last minute of the game a Navy three-quarter movement was checked and Ernie was backing up to take the ball on at his feet: a neat pick-up close to the touch-line by Selwyn enabled him to run round and score a lucky try which was converted by the Navy full back.

We understand that the Army team are now to be coached by the 'Army' for 3 seasons; immediately before the War and was reserve for Scotland 11 times.

With the material at his disposal it looks as if Major Allan will produce a very strong team to represent the Army in future.

CLUB—R.A.F. POLICE

The second game was rather an anti-climax. Neither side was scored through, the Club beat the R.A.F. Police by 10-3 points.

Henderson scored 6 points for the Club in the shape of one goal and a try. Both tries were scored through his going on the blind side from yard scrums and selling the dummy with success.

The best individual effort seen in the whole afternoon was a penalty goal kicked by Oliver for the R.A.F. Police from 35 yards out.

Club increased their lead in the second half through Morgan scoring an unconverted try and Alec Taylor getting across the line for a try which he converted himself.

The R.A.F. Police right centre three-quarter and Oliver in their scrum both put up good performances for the losers.



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Burnley	3 Portsmouth
Chelsea	2 Blackpool
Everton	4 Blackburn R.
Huddersfield	2 Derby C.
Manchester U.	2 Middlesbrough
Preston N.	3 Liverpool
Sheffield U.	1 Charlton A.
Stoke C.	2 Bolton Wand.
Sunderland	1 Arsenal
SECOND DIVISION	
Barnsley	0 Birmingham
Brentford	0 Fulham
Bury	1 Notts Forest
Cheshamfield	2 Cardiff C.
Leicester C.	2 Leeds U.
Luton Town	2 Coventry C.
Millwall	0 Sheffield W.
Plymouth	0 Newcastle U.
Southampton	0 Doncaster R.
Tottenham H.	1 West B.
Wentham U.	0 Bradford
THIRD DIVISION—SOUTHERN	
Bristol Rovers	2 Port Vale
Crystal Palace	2 Leyton O.
Newport County	2 Reading
Southend United	4 Bristol City
Swansea Town	3 Bourne
THIRD DIVISION—NORTHERN	
Barrow	2 Southport
Bradford City	2 New B.
Darlington	4 Carlisle U.
Gateshead	1 Rotherham
Hull City	0 Lincoln City
Oldham Athl.	2 Chester
Ramsgate R.	2 Crewe Alex.
Wrexham	2 Huddersfield
Wolverhampton	1 Manchester C.

F.A. CUP—SECOND ROUND REPLAY

Brighton & Hove	2 Hartlepool
Gillingham	3 Rochdale
Shrewsbury T.	2 Stockport C.
Stockton	1 Notts C.
Swindon Town	2 Aldershot
Torquay U.	2 Northampton
Walsall	3 Norwich City

SCOTTISH "A" DIVISION

Colt	0 Airdrieonians
Dundee	0 Morton
Falkirk	1 Clyde
Hibernian	1 Aberdeen
Marherwell	0 Queen's P.
Partick T.	4 Queen's O.N.
St. Mirren	1 Hearts
Third Lanark	0 Rangers

IRISH LEAGUE

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Cliftonville	2 Glenties
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Owing to bad reception—the results of the Scottish "B" division were not available.—Reuter.

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